npm consists of three distinct components:

* the website
* the Command Line Interface (CLI)
* the registry

Use the [*website*](https://npmjs.com/) to discover packages, set up profiles, and manage other aspects of your npm experience. For example, you can set up [Orgs](https://www.npmjs.com/features) (organizations) to manage access to public or private packages.

The [*CLI*](https://docs.npmjs.com/cli/npm) runs from a terminal, and is how most developers interact with npm.

The [*registry*](https://docs.npmjs.com/misc/registry) is a large public database of JavaScript software and the meta-information surrounding it.