

# React.js Development with the MERN Stack Training Course

Installation Notes:

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## Installation Instructions

To maximize our time together for learning React, please take care of the following before the workshop. The total time to install the software should be less than an hour.

### Install Google's Chrome Web Browser

Chrome is the web browser of choice for development. You are free to use another browser, but keep in mind that your results may be different than mine and we won't have much time to determine why.

<https://www.google.com/chrome/browser/desktop/>

### Install a web development IDE

For the workshop, I will be doing everything in WebStorm. If you are accustomed to a different IDE for web development, you may use it, but please know how to use it. I, unfortunately, won't be able to give you much advice on using other IDEs, there are too many of them. WebStorm is a paid app but has a 30-day free trial version available.

<https://www.jetbrains.com/webstorm/download/>

### Install Git

We will be using Git Bundles for the workshop. They will allow us to advance through the course together and recover from hard to find coding bugs. The latest version is 2.10.1. If you have it already, but your version is older than 2.6, please update it. Git is free.

<http://git-scm.com/downloads>

### Install Node.js

We need node.js installed on our development machines. If you have a version older than 5.0, please upgrade. I will be using node version 7.9.0.

<https://nodejs.org/en/download/>

## Upgrade npm

NPM comes with node.js but the version installed is usually out of date with the current release. My version is 4.2.0. Please update it by entering the following command in the terminal:

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npm install npm -g
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Please take care of everything on the list before the workshop. You are paying good money to take this workshop, let's spending learning not waiting for files to download. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by email: [rockncoder@gmail.com](mailto:rockncoder@gmail.com).