

# Basic structure of a NodeJS application

Take into account that in order to function a NodeJS application must respect the following basic structure:

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|_____ app.js
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|_____ public
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|_____ tmp
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That is, your application must contain at least one **app.js** file, which will be the gateway to your application. In that file you must define at least one «request handler».

In addition, your application should contain a directory called **public**, which will be the root of your website and where you will place the static files of your application (images, CSS, JS, ...). If your NodeJS is not a web application, it is only an app that receives and returns data, the public folder is not necessary.

Finally, you need a directory called **tmp**, which will allow you to force a reboot of your NodeJS application. To do this you should run the following command from the command line:

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touch tmp/restart.txt<br />
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