



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'npm-explain.1'

\$ man npm-explain.1

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General Commands Manual

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NAME

npm-explain

Synopsis

```
<!-- AUTOGENERATED USAGE DESCRIPTIONS -->
```

Description

This command will print the chain of dependencies causing a given package to be installed in the current project.

If one or more package specs are provided, then only packages matching one of the specifiers will have their relationships explained.

The package spec can also refer to a folder within ./node_modules

For example, running npm explain glob within npm's source tree will show:

```
glob@7.1.6
```

```
node_modules/glob
```

```
  glob@"^7.1.4" from the root project
```

```
glob@7.1.1 dev
```

```
node_modules/tacks/node_modules/glob
```

```
  glob@"^7.0.5" from rimraf@2.6.2
```

```
node_modules/tacks/node_modules/rimraf
```

```
  rimraf@"^2.6.2" from tacks@1.3.0
```

```
node_modules/tacks
```

```
  dev tacks@"^1.3.0" from the root project
```

To explain just the package residing at a specific folder, pass that as the

argument to the command. This can be useful when trying to figure out exactly why a given dependency is being duplicated to satisfy conflicting version requirements within the project.

```
$ npm explain node_modules/nyc/node_modules/find-up
```

```
find-up@3.0.0 dev
```

```
node_modules/nyc/node_modules/find-up
```

```
find-up@"^3.0.0" from nyc@14.1.1
```

```
node_modules/nyc
```

```
nyc@"^14.1.1" from tap@14.10.8
```

```
node_modules/tap
```

```
dev tap@"^14.10.8" from the root project
```

Configuration

```
<!-- AUTOGENERATED CONFIG DESCRIPTIONS -->
```

See Also

? package spec

? npm config

? npmrc

? npm folders

? npm ls

? npm install

? npm link

? npm prune

? npm outdated

? npm update

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