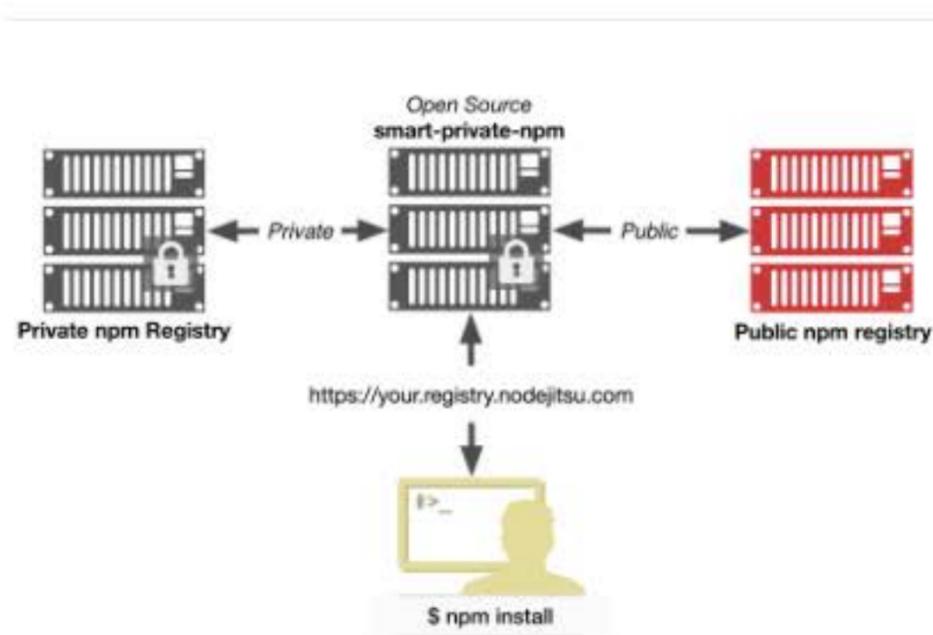


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## How does a private npm registry work?



Every private npm registry hosted by Nodejitsu is driven by a **policy** that allows you to control who can access your registry, as well as what packages those users can access from the public registry.

```
$ npm config set always-auth true
$ npm install your-app
```



After you sign up for a private registry and set your npm config to your private registry:

```
$ npm config set registry \
https://your.registry.nodejitsu.com
```



our **Open Source smart-private-npm** will intelligently route requests to public npm packages to the public npm registry and your private packages to your private npm registry.

```
~/your-app $ npm config set always-auth true
npm info it worked! it ends with ok
npm info using npm@1.3.24
npm info using node@v0.10.24
npm info config set "always-auth" "true"
npm info ok
~/your-app $ npm config set registry https://
```