

# How To Begin

This section describes how to proceed if you are a first time LightWave Server™ user. LightWave Server users typically fall into one of the categories shown below. The sections below describe how each category of user should proceed.

- Administrators - An administrator is anyone who is responsible for installing and managing the LightWave Server processes. Systems/Operations managers usually fall into this category.
- Developers - A developer is anyone responsible for building applications that use LightWave Server. Developers often need to manage LightWave Server on development and test systems so may also be considered Administrators.
- Others - Anyone who is neither an Administrator or Developer but has general interest in the product.

## Administrators

- Read [Introduction to LightWave Server](#).
- Install LightWave Server as described in [Installing LightWave Server](#).
- Start LightWave Server as described in [Starting and Stopping LightWave Server](#).

## Developers

- Read [Introduction to LightWave Server](#).
- If also acting as an Administrator, install LightWave Server™ as described in [Installing LightWave Server](#).
- If also acting as an Administrator, start LightWave Server™ as described in [Starting and Stopping LightWave Server](#).
- Read [Getting Started](#) in the [Developer Guide](#).

## Others

- Read section [Introduction to LightWave Server](#).