

## Exercise 0: Setting Up Your PRISM Project

**Time:** 10 minutes

**Goal:** Initialize your workspace and create your first PRISM project.

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### What You'll Learn

By the end of this exercise, you will: - Launch the PRISM Studio application - Understand the Project Management interface - Create a new project folder structure - Set up your active workspace

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### Launching PRISM

#### Windows Users

1. Locate the **Prism.exe** file in your workshop folder.
2. Double-click to launch it.
3. A terminal window will open—keep this open! It runs the backend server.
4. Your default web browser should open automatically to **http://localhost:5001**.

#### Manual Launch (if browser doesn't open)

1. Open your web browser (Chrome or Edge recommended).
  2. Go to: **http://localhost:5001**
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### Your Task: Create a Project

Before we can convert or validate data, we need a “Project” where everything will be stored.

#### Step 1: Go to Projects

1. In the sidebar or top navigation, click on “**Projects**”.
2. Alternatively, go directly to: **http://localhost:5001/projects**

#### Step 2: Initialize a New Project

1. Look for the “**Create New Project**” section.
2. **Project Name:** Enter `My_Psychology_Study`.
3. **Location:** Choose a folder on your computer where you want to store your data (e.g., your Desktop or a dedicated `workshop_results` folder).
4. Click “**Create & Activate**”.

### Step 3: Verify Your Workspace

1. Notice the “**Active Project**” label at the top of the screen. It should now show `My_Psychology_Study`.
2. PRISM now knows where to save all your conversions and exports!

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**Next Steps:** Now that your project is ready, let's bring in some data!

**Ready for Exercise 1?** → Go to `../exercise_1_raw_data/`