

**THE BASICS (MACOS)**

# Get Started with macOS

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This guide will help you get started on setting up your very first React Native for macOS app.

**\*\* Latest stable version available for React Native for macOS is 0.71\*\***

For information around how to set up:

- React Native for iOS and Android: See [React Native Getting Started Guide](#)
- React Native for Windows: See [React Native for Windows Getting Started Guide](#)

## Install React Native for macOS

Remember to call `react-native init` from the place you want your project directory to live. Be sure to use the same minor version between React Native and React Native macOS. We'll use `^0.71.0`

```
npx react-native@latest init <projectName> --template "react-native@^0.71.0"
```



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## Navigate into this newly created directory

Once your project has been initialized, React Native will have created a new sub directory where all your generated files live.



## Install the macOS extension

Install the React Native for macOS packages.

```
npx react-native-macos-init
```

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## Running a React Native macOS App

- **Without using Xcode:** In your React Native macOS project directory, run:

```
npx react-native run-macos
```

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- **Using Xcode:** Open `macos\test.xcworkspace` in Xcode or run `xed -b macos ; yarn start` . Hit the Run button.

A new Command Prompt window will open with the React packager as well as a `react-native-macos` app. This step may take a while during first run since it involves building the entire project and all dependencies. You can now start developing! 🎉

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