

## # HeritageBakes Mac Setup Guide

This guide will help you set up and run the HeritageBakes app on a Mac, step by step.

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### ## 1. Copy the Project Folder

- Plug your external drive into the Mac.
- Open Finder and locate your external drive (usually listed in the sidebar).
- Drag the `HeritageBakes` folder from your external drive to the Desktop (or another easy-to-find location).

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### ## 2. Install Node.js

- Open Safari and go to [<https://nodejs.org/>](<https://nodejs.org/>)
- Click the **\*\*LTS\*\*** (Recommended) download button for macOS.
- Open the downloaded `.pkg` file and follow the prompts to install Node.js.

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### ## 3. Open Terminal and Navigate to the Project Folder

- Open the **\*\*Terminal\*\*** app (find it in Applications > Utilities, or search for "Terminal" in Spotlight).
- Type `cd ` (with a space), then drag the `HeritageBakes` folder from Finder into the Terminal window. Press **\*\*Enter\*\***.
- Example:

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```sh
cd ~/Desktop/HeritageBakes
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### ## 4. Install Project Dependencies

- In Terminal (inside the project folder), type:

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```sh
npm install
```
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- Wait for it to finish (it may take a few minutes).

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### ## 5. Start the App

- In Terminal, type:

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```sh
npm run dev
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```
- Wait for the message that says the server is running (e.g., `serving on http://localhost:5000`).

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### ## 6. Open the App in a Browser

- Open Safari (or Chrome, etc.)
- Go to: [<http://localhost:5000>](<http://localhost:5000>)
- You should see the HeritageBakes app!

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## ## 7. Stopping the App

- To stop the app, go back to Terminal and press `Control + C`.

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## ## Troubleshooting

- If you see errors, make sure you are in the correct folder in Terminal.
- If `npm install` fails, check your internet connection.
- If you need help, ask your son or refer to this guide!

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**\*\*Enjoy using HeritageBakes!\*\***