1. To start, download all contents of this google drive folder and open the .zip file that drive prepares for you upon completion
2. Extract all the contents into a new folder on your desktop or the desktop itself
3. Open the webserver folder, scroll down, and open **“xampp-control.exe”**
4. Click “setup”, type y to continue (or if prompted “1-5/x” type 2), and y again to configure **without** drive letters
5. Finally, exit out of the setup terminal and click start by MySQL

If the server is running correctly, “Running” will appear by the start button you just clicked. I’d recommend keeping the xampp-control application running for ease of shutting the server down.

You are now free to open my program and should first see a list of books, if not make sure the MySQL server is running.

After closing my program simply click stop in the control application by MySQL, exit to close the application, and delete everything you downloaded off of Google Drive if desired.

I would like to apologize for the extra steps for setting up your computer to run my program, however I do strongly believe the added realism of having a server (though of course this sample server is a local one) is hugely beneficial as it does make my program ready for real-world usage..

Thank you very much for your time, I also included all of my Java and generated FXML (through scene builder, a JavaFX tool) code in the “code” folder for your viewing. And of course, feel free to mess around with everything, I’m sure you’ll find you really can use it to manage a library!