

# Running Instructions:

## 1. Download and Install XAMPP

- Visit the official XAMPP website: <https://www.apachefriends.org/>
- Download the version appropriate for your operating system (Windows, macOS, or Linux).
- Run the installer and follow the setup prompts to complete the installation.

## 2. Add the Project Files to the Server Directory

- Open your file manager and navigate to the **XAMPP installation folder**.
- Open the directory:  
**xampp/htdocs**
- Copy and paste the project's **source code folder** into this directory.
  - Note: The folder name will be used in the URL when running the project.

## 3. Start Apache and MySQL Services

- Launch the **XAMPP Control Panel** (desktop app).
- Click **Start** next to **Apache** and **MySQL**.
  - Ensure both services turn green, indicating they are running successfully.

## 4. Open phpMyAdmin

- In the XAMPP Control Panel, click the **Admin** button next to **MySQL**.
- This will automatically open **phpMyAdmin** in your browser.

## 5. Import the Database

- In phpMyAdmin, create a new database or select an existing one.
- Click on the **Import** tab.
- Choose the included SQL file from your project folder.
- Click **Go** to import the database.

## 6. Run the Project in the Browser

- Open a new browser tab or window.
- Enter the following URL:
- `http://localhost/<your-folder-name>`

Replace <**your-folder-name**> with the exact name of the folder you placed inside *htdocs*.

- Your website should now load and be ready for use.