

How to Run Your Next.js 15.3.1 Project

This guide walks you through setting up and running your Next.js 15.3.1 project on a new PC that doesn't y

Step 1: Install Node.js

1. Go to <https://nodejs.org/>
2. Download the LTS version (must be version 18.17 or higher).
3. Install using all default options.

Step 2: Unzip the Project

1. Right-click the .zip file and select 'Extract All'.
2. Extract it to a folder, e.g., C:\Projects\next-app.
3. Open the extracted folder.

Step 3: Open Terminal (Command Prompt)

1. Press Win + R, type 'cmd', and hit Enter.
2. Navigate to the project directory using:

```
cd C:\Projects\next-app
```

Step 4: Install Dependencies

Run the following command in the terminal:

```
npm install
```

Wait for the installation to complete. This may take a few minutes.

Step 5: Start the Development Server

Run this command:

```
npm run dev
```

Once it starts, you should see a message with:

```
Local: http://localhost:3000
```

Step 6: Open in Your Browser

Open your browser and go to:

`http://localhost:3000`

You should now see your running Next.js project.

Optional: Install Visual Studio Code

1. Go to <https://code.visualstudio.com/>
2. Download and install with default settings.
3. Open your project folder using File > Open Folder.