

Docker Desktop Installation Guide

Install Docker Desktop on MacOS

1. Go to <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/>
2. Click 'Download for Mac (Apple Chip or Intel Chip)' depending on your Mac model.
3. Open the downloaded .dmg file.
4. Drag the Docker icon into your Applications folder.
5. Launch Docker Desktop from Applications.
6. Grant permissions if prompted (network access, drive mounting, etc.).
7. Docker should now show a whale icon in your status bar.
8. Check that Docker is running ("Docker Desktop is Running").
9. Verify installation in Terminal:
 - docker --version
 - docker run hello-world

Install Docker Desktop on Windows

1. Go to <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/>
2. Click 'Download for Windows'.
3. Run the downloaded .exe installer.
4. Follow the installation wizard (enable WSL2 backend if prompted).
5. Restart your computer if requested.
6. Launch Docker Desktop from the Start Menu.
7. Allow Docker to use WSL2 if prompted (Windows Subsystem for Linux).
8. Docker should now show a whale icon in your system tray.
9. Verify installation in Command Prompt (CMD):
 - docker --version
 - docker run hello-world

Post-Installation Checklist

- Docker Desktop whale icon is visible.
- 'docker --version' shows correct output.
- 'docker-compose --version' is installed.
- 'docker run hello-world' executes successfully.

You are ready to start using Docker on your machine!