

# MLHacks: Build an FAQ Bot For Your Website with Microsoft Azure

Troubleshooting Guide



Welcome to the troubleshooting guide of MLHacks: Build an FAQ Bot for your website with Microsoft Azure! This guide will help you with troubleshooting any issues you may face while following the workshop materials.

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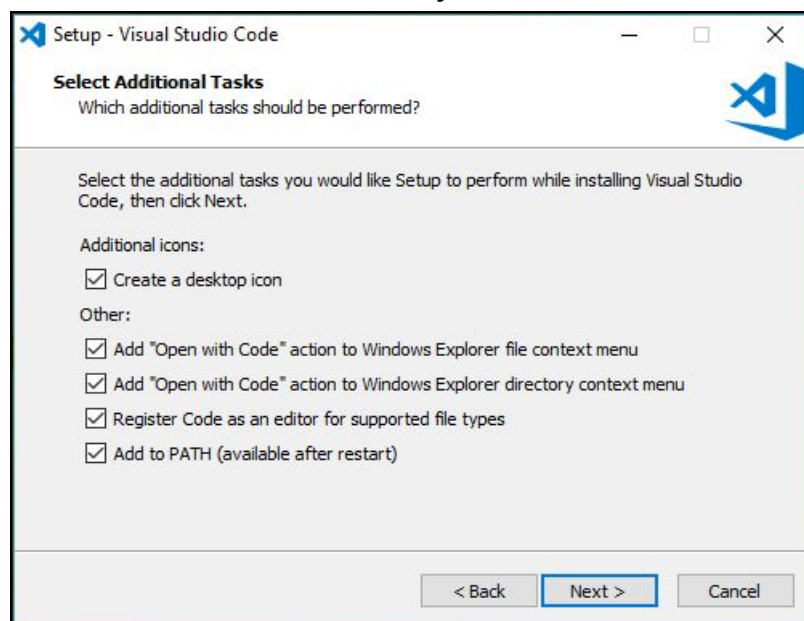
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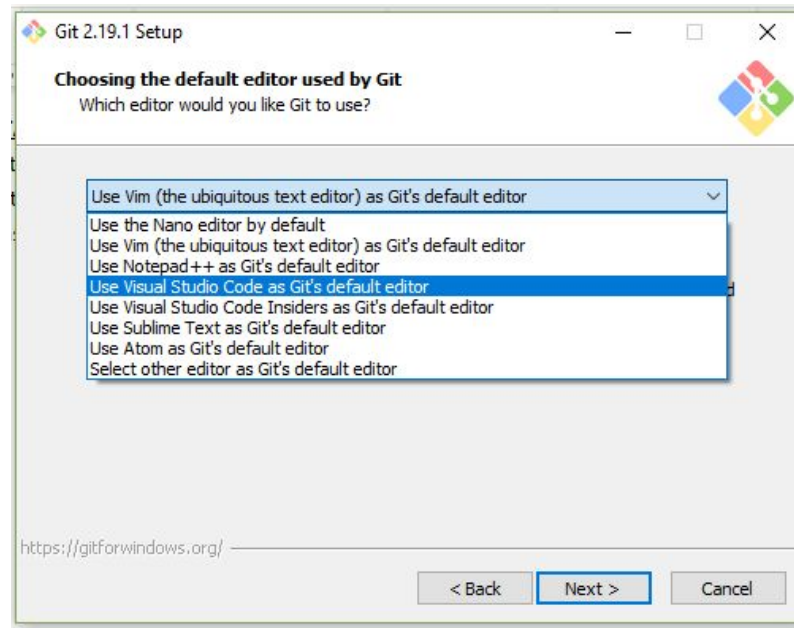
## **SECTION 2: DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL VS CODE**

1. If the site does not show the correct version for your OS, scroll down to the bottom of the site and manually select the version that matches your OS.
2. Restart your PC after installation to ensure the PATH variable is set (not essential, but may be useful).
3. During install, choose all the options in this dialog box to make it easy for you to work with VS code (not essential, but may be useful).




### SECTION 3: INSTALLING GIT

1. Note that Git always installs the latest version for your OS automatically, so if you do not want that you need to manually select which version of git you want.
2. During install, you could choose VS code to be Git's default editor (not essential, but may be useful).



3. After installing git, if your VS Code is open, **first close it**. Reopen VS code, create a new terminal and try to run the git --version. If that fails (shows "git is not recognized"), **kill the terminal**, create another terminal and try the command again.

```
git : The term 'git' is not recognized as the name of a cmdlet, function, script file, or operable program. Check the spelling of the
name, or if a path was included, verify that the path is correct and try again.
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### SECTION 4: INSTALLING NODE

1. After installing node, if your VS Code is open, **first close it**. Reopen VS code, create a new terminal and try to run the npm install (ensure that you are in the proper directory first). If that fails (shows "npm is not recognized"), **kill the terminal**, create another terminal and try the command again.

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## **SECTION 5: ADDING CODE**

1. Ensure you **delete the mlh-localhost-azure-bot-master part in the extract all dialog box**, or else there will be a nesting of folders.

## **SECTION 6: RUNNING THE CODE**

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2. Wait till **"MLHacks app listening on port 3000!"** is shown on the console before trying to open `localhost:3000` in your browser or it will say "This site can't be reached"



This site can't be reached

**localhost** refused to connect.

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3. Type **clear** in your terminal to delete all the text shown, so that there is less clutter (not necessary, but recommended).
4. If you cancel the extraction midway (or if the extraction doesn't complete successfully for some reason) it will still create a folder but it might not have all the files so it may throw errors when you run `npm start`. If this happens to you, close VS code, **delete the extracted folder, extract again** and repeat all the steps from there. One common error is "failed to lookup..."
5. If you get the error "`listen EADDRINUSE 0.0.0.0:3000`", ensure there are no other terminals where the `node index.js` command is still running. If there are, **kill those terminals** and **re-run the command in a new terminal**.

```
Error: listen EADDRINUSE 0.0.0.0:3000
    at Object._errnoException (util.js:1022:11)
    at _exceptionWithHostPort (util.js:1044:20)
    at Server.setupListenHandle [as _listen2] (net.js:1367:14)
    at listenInCluster (net.js:1408:12)
    at doListen (net.js:1517:7)
    at _combinedTickCallback (internal/process/next_tick.js:141:11)
    at process._tickCallback (internal/process/next_tick.js:180:9)
    at Function.Module.runMain (module.js:695:11)
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## **SECTION 7: TESTING LOCALLY**

1. When you run the command “node app.js” if you get the error “EADDRINUSE 0.0.0.0:3000”, check if you have another terminal where you didn’t stop the node app.js command. To resolve the error simply **kill the terminal where node app.js command** is running.
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## **SECTION 8: CREATE A QNA BOT**

1. When you click on “Create a QnA service” it may ask you to login to Azure. Once you have logged in, you need to click on the “Create a KB” button again and then continue the steps.
2. To hide the test menu, click on the Test button again.
3. If you get a “request failed with status 401” error message after submitting a question, one of the possible reasons is that the endpoint key variable is not initialized properly. **Edit line 10 of app.js with the correct value** and continue.

## **SECTION 9: DEPLOYING THE APP**

1. In deployment option of the web app, you need to enter a username and a password. VS code will ask for this password every time you want to publish to this git repository so don’t forget it!

Deployment option	Set up basic authentication
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<div>Setup connection</div> <div>Set up basic authentication ⓘ</div>	
<div>Performance Test</div> <div>Not Configured</div>	
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2. Give your app a name. This name must be unique across Azure. Wait for the green check mark. If you get a red exclamation mark, you must rename your app.
3. After you initialize the git repository in VS code, the following dialog box appears. Click on the add to workspace button and continue with the other steps.

ⓘ Would you like to open the initialized repository, or add it to the current workspace? 

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Source: Git (Extension) 

Open Repository

Add to Workspace

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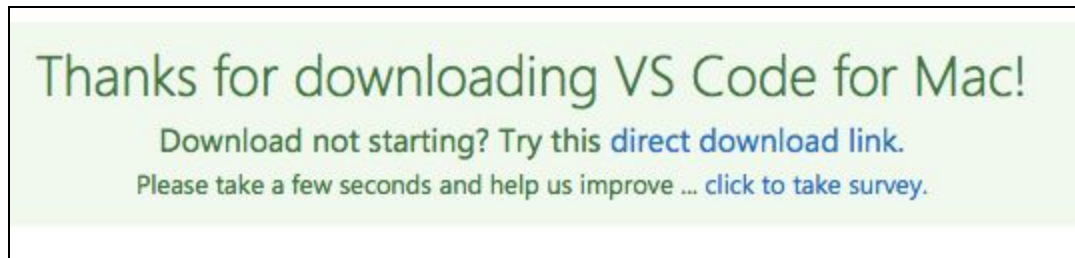
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2. If the Visual Studio Code package does not start automatically downloading, you can select **Direct Download**.





3. Restart your computer after installation to ensure the PATH variable is set (not essential, but may be useful).

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1. There are several ways to install Git on a Mac. The easiest way is to install the XCode Command Line tools. On Mavericks (10.9) or above you can run Git from the terminal. Open your terminal and type `$ git --version` in and then press Enter.

If this does not work, you can go to: <https://git-scm.com/download/mac> to download Git via a binary installer. This will also make sure you have the most up to date version.



2. Still not working? It might be that your computer's operating system is not compatible with the latest Git version because your operating system is out of date. Go to your **System Preferences**, then Select **Software Updates**. If there are any updates that you need to download, they will be here.
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1. Node demands two different packages before you can install it. Many developers already have these packages on their computer, but if Node is having a hard time running, it may be because these packages are not installed. You can go to NodeJS.org and download the Node installer for Mac.

Node.js® is a JavaScript runtime built on **Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine**.

## Download for macOS (x64)

**10.13.0 LTS**  
Recommended For Most Users

**11.1.0 Current**  
Latest Features

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Or have a look at the **Long Term Support (LTS) schedule**.

Sign up for **Node.js Everywhere**, the official Node.js Monthly Newsletter.

2. Or, if you are worried about any packages you download wreaking havoc on your computer, you can download Homebrew, a package manager for Mac. To install Homebrew, open your Terminal and type in:

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ruby -e "$(curl -fsSL
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This is especially useful if you do not have administrator access in the system.

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