Step-by-Step Guide: Setting Up a React App with Vite

Objective

Create a new React project efficiently using Vite, a fast build tool.

Step 1: Ensure Prerequisites Are Installed

Node.js and npm:

Make sure you have Node.js installed. You can check by running:

node -v

npm -v

If not installed, download and install from https://nodejs.org/.

Step 2: Create a New React Project Using Vite

Open your terminal or command prompt and run:

npm create vite@latest my-react-app -- --template react

- my-react-app is the folder name. You can change it.
- --template react sets up a React project template.

Note: If prompted to pick a package manager, choose npm or your preferred tool.

Step 3: Navigate Into the Project Directory

cd my-react-app

Step 4: Install Dependencies

npm install

This installs all required packages.

Step 5: Start the Development Server

Launch your app locally:

npm run dev

This starts the Vite development server, usually accessible at http://localhost:3000.

Step 6: Open and Edit Your Project

- Launch your favorite code editor (like VS Code).
- Open the my-react-app folder.
- Edit src/App.jsx, src/main.jsx, and other components to build your app.

Summary

• Create the app using:

npm create vite@latest my-react-app -- --template react

• Navigate into your folder:

cd my-react-app

• Install dependencies:

npm install

Start dev server:

npm run dev

Now you're ready to develop your React app with Vite!