Before you start, ensure that you have the following installed on your computer:

* XAMPP (which includes Apache, MySQL, and phpMyAdmin)
* A web browser (e.g., Chrome, Firefox)

**Step 1: Install XAMPP**

1. Download and install XAMPP.
2. Once installed, open the **XAMPP Control Panel**.
3. Start the **Apache** and **MySQL** services by clicking the "Start" button next to each service.

**Step 2: Set Up the Project**

1. Unzip the website project folder (which contains your website files) to the htdocs folder in your XAMPP installation directory. By default, it’s located at:

C:\xampp\htdocs\

1. Rename the unzipped folder (if necessary) to bookmart.
2. Your project should now be located at:

C:\xampp\htdocs\bookmart

**Step 3: Set Up the Database**

1. Open your web browser and go to: http://localhost/phpmyadmin.
2. In phpMyAdmin:
   * Click on the **"New"** button in the left sidebar to create a new database.
   * Name the database ebook\_store and select **utf8mb4\_general\_ci** as the collation. Click **"Create"**.
3. Once the database is created, click on the newly created database in the left sidebar.
4. Click on the **"Import"** tab at the top.
5. Click on **"Choose File"** and select the SQL file (ebook\_store\_db.sql) that is included in the website package.
6. Click **"Go"** to import the database

## Step 5: Access the Website

1. Open your web browser and go to: http://localhost/bookmart.
2. You should now see the home page of the BOOKMART website.