**STEPS TO INSTALL EXAM BRANCH PORTAL**

1. **Download and install softwares:**

* [Node](https://nodejs.org/en/download)
* [MySQL](https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/file/?id=520407)
* [Git](https://git-scm.com/download/win) (optional)
* [VS Code](https://code.visualstudio.com/download) (optional)

Here are the installation steps:

1. **Create a folder in the system**
   * In the file manager, create a new folder in your desired location and name it ‘*Exam Branch Portal’.*
   * Open the folder and download the [client](https://github.com/paturikaustubh/ExamBranch-Client.git) and [server](https://github.com/paturikaustubh/ExamBranch-Server.git) (maintain separate folders for both) files from GitHub.
   * If you have installed git earlier, you can clone the files from GitHub using ‘*git clone’* command.
2. **Installing packages**
   * Once the files are available, open command prompt for client and server, each in their own locations (you can directly type *cmd* in the folder’s address bar) and run the command *‘npm i’.* This will install all the required packages for the portal to run.
3. **Creating database**
   * Open the ‘*CreateDatabase.sql’* file in the server folder in MySQL Workbench and execute the file.
4. **Starting the server**
   * Open command prompts for client and server and enter *‘npm run start’* and ‘*node app’* respectively. This will start the application. Wait until you see a confirmation message that both the servers are working fine, then you can start using the application.

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