

Encora_ms Setup Checklist

1. Copy the folder

- Place the `Encora_ms` folder anywhere convenient (Desktop or directly in `htdocs`).
- For XAMPP, copy the entire `Encora_ms` folder to `htdocs/`.

4. Import the database

- Open phpMyAdmin (`http://localhost/phpmyadmin/`).
- Create a new database (e.g., `lms_db`).
- Go to **Import** → select `Encora_ms/database/lms.sql` → click **Go**.
- Ensure the tables are created successfully.

9. Configure database connection

- Open `config/config.php`.
- Update the DB credentials if needed:

```
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');  
define('DB_USER', 'root');  
define('DB_PASS', '');  
define('DB_NAME', 'lms_db');
```

12. Start XAMPP

- Start **Apache** and **MySQL**.
- Ensure ports 80 (Apache) and 3306 (MySQL) are free.

15. Access the site

- Open a browser → go to `http://localhost/Encora_ms/public/index.html`
- Test navigation:

- Login → should load `login.php` in `public/`
- Register → should load `register.php`
- CSS and JS → should load properly from `public/`

18. Optional: Testing links

- Ensure all PHP files are in `public/`.

20. Paths in HTML must point to the correct folder (e.g., `login.php`, `style.css`, `main.js`).

21. **Do not modify root files unnecessarily**

22. Keep `config/`, `helpers/`, `uploads/` in root.

23. Only modify `public/` for frontend changes.

24. Avoid changing database structure unless intentional.