

# Quick Start Guide

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## Get Up and Running in 5 Minutes!

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### 1. Install Dependencies (First Time Only)

Install Node.js packages:

```
npm install
```

Install Python TWS API:

```
pip3 install ib-insync
```


### 2. Start TWS or IB Gateway

- Launch TWS or IB Gateway on your computer
- Log in to your account
- **Enable API connections:**
- Go to: **File → Global Configuration → API → Settings**
- Check: **Enable ActiveX and Socket Clients**
- Note the port number (usually 7496)

### 3. Run the App

```
npm start
```

### 4. Connect

1. The app opens with default settings:
  - Host: 127.0.0.1
  - Port: 7496 (adjust if different)
  - Client ID: 1
2. Click **Connect**
3. You should see:  "Successfully connected to TWS..."

## Common Ports

Platform	Mode	Port
TWS	Paper Trading	7496
TWS	Live Trading	7497
IB Gateway	Paper Trading	4001
IB Gateway	Live Trading	4002

## Troubleshooting

### Connection fails?

1. ☒ Is TWS/Gateway running?
2. ☒ Are API connections enabled?
3. ☒ Using the correct port?
4. ☒ Is Python API installed?

### Test Python API:

```
python3 -c "import ib_insync; print('ib_insync installed OK!')"
```

## Need More Help?

See the full [README.md](#) (README.md) for detailed instructions and troubleshooting.

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**That's it! You're ready to start building! 🚀**