

# Local Development Setup Guide

Follow these steps to run the Challenger Hiking Group Dashboard directly on your computer using Node.js.

## 1. Prerequisites

Ensure you have Node.js installed (version 18 or higher is recommended).

- Check by running `node -v` in your terminal.
- If not installed, download it from [nodejs.org](https://nodejs.org).

## 2. Create the Project

We will use Vite to create a modern React environment. Open your terminal and run:

```
# Create a new Vite project
npm create vite@latest hiking-dashboard -- --template react

# Move into the project folder
cd hiking-dashboard

# Install the base dependencies
npm install
```

## 3. Install Dashboard Dependencies

The dashboard relies on specific libraries for icons, charts, and authentication. Run this command in your project folder:

```
npm install lucide-react recharts firebase
```

## 4. Add the Code

1. Open the project folder in your code editor (e.g., VS Code).
2. Locate `src/App.jsx`.
3. Delete everything inside `App.jsx` and paste the entire code from the `hiking_dashboard.jsx` file in the Canvas.

4. **Important:** Inside the code, locate the `firebaseConfig` object and fill in your actual keys from the [Firebase Console](#).

## 5. Configure Tailwind CSS (Optional but Recommended)

The dashboard uses Tailwind classes for styling. To make them work:

1. Install Tailwind: `npm install -D tailwindcss postcss autoprefixer && npx tailwindcss init -p`
2. Update `tailwind.config.js` with the configuration provided in the Canvas.
3. Add the following to the top of your `src/index.css` :

```
@tailwind base;
@tailwind components;
@tailwind utilities;
```

## 6. Launch the Dashboard

Run the development server:

```
npm run dev
```

Your terminal will provide a local URL (usually `http://localhost:5173` ). Open that in your browser to see your dashboard!

### Pro-Tip: Google Authentication

For the "Sign in with Google" button to work locally:

1. Go to the **Firebase Console > Authentication > Settings**.

Click on **Sign in method** and add **Google** as a sign in method.