**Step 1: Download the Project from GitHub**

1. Open Git Bash (or your terminal).
2. Clone the repository using the following command:

git clone https://github.com/salvadorklaude/mini-store.git

1. Navigate into the project folder:

cd mini-store

**Step 2: Set Up the Backend (Master Branch)**

1. Switch to the master branch (where the backend code is):

git checkout master

1. Install backend dependencies:

npm install

*(or yarn install if you use Yarn)*

1. Start the backend server:

npm run dev

* The backend server should start on http://localhost:8000 (or the port shown in your terminal).
* Leave this terminal running.

**Step 3: Set Up the Frontend (Main Branch)**

1. Open a **new terminal window** in the same project folder.
2. Switch to the main branch (where the frontend code is):

git checkout main

1. Install frontend dependencies:

npm install

1. Start the frontend server:

npm run dev

* The frontend will usually run at http://localhost:3000.
* Open this URL in your browser to view the app.

**Step 4: Verify the App**

1. With both servers running:
   * Frontend: http://localhost:3000
   * Backend: http://localhost:8000
2. You can now test all features, like signing up, viewing products, and managing members.

**Tips**

* If you get a warning about ports being in use, close other programs using ports 3000 or 8000.
* Always start the **backend first**, then the frontend.
* If the app is slow, check that both terminal windows remain open.

**Summary**

1. Clone repo → git clone ...
2. Backend → git checkout master → npm install → npm run dev
3. Frontend → git checkout main → npm install → npm run dev
4. Open browser → http://localhost:3000