

✓ Step-by-Step Setup Guide

🔄 Step 1: Clone the Project

```
git clone https://github.com/your-username/househunt.git
cd househunt
```

📁 Step 2: Go into Frontend and Backend Folders

```
cd househunt-frontend # For React frontend
# OR
cd househunt-backend # For Node.js backend
```

📦 Step 3: Install Dependencies

💎 Frontend

```
cd househunt-frontend
npm install
```

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🔗 Step 4: Set Up Environment Variables

💎 Backend .env file (create in househunt-backend/)

Create a file named .env and add:

```
env
```

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```

```
PORT=5000
```

```
MONGO_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/househunt
```

```
JWT_SECRET=your_jwt_secret_key
```

Replace your `_jwt_secret_key` with a strong secret key.

Step 5: Start the Project

Start Backend

```
cd househunt-backend
```

```
npm start
```

You can also use nodemon if installed:

```
nodemon server.js
```

Start Frontend

```
cd househunt-frontend
```

```
npm start
```