

WIDE WORD

Complete Setup Guide for Laptop

Post • Chat • Connect • Earn

This guide shows you exactly how to set up your WIDE WORD app on a laptop. Follow the steps in order. You do **not** need coding experience.

Time needed: about 30–45 minutes | Cost: Free (using free plans)

What You Need

- A laptop or desktop computer (Windows, Mac, or Linux)
- Internet connection
- The project folder (wide-word-app.zip)
- Free accounts on Supabase and Vercel (we create them in the steps)
- Node.js (we will install it together)

Step 1 — Get the Project Files

1. Download the file named **wide-word-app.zip**.
2. Right-click the zip file and choose **Extract / Extract All / Unzip**.
3. You will get a folder called **wide-word**. Put it on your Desktop or in Documents so it is easy to find.

Step 2 — Create a Free Supabase Account

Supabase gives you free user accounts, database, and real-time chat.

1. Open your browser and go to: **<https://supabase.com>**
2. Click **Start your project** and sign up (email or GitHub is fine).
3. Click **New Project**.
4. Project name: **wide-word**
5. Create a strong Database Password and **save it** somewhere safe.
6. Choose a region close to you and click **Create new project**.
7. Wait 1–2 minutes until the project is ready.

Step 3 — Set Up the Database Tables

1. In your Supabase project, click **SQL Editor** on the left menu.
2. Click **New query**.

3. Open the file **SUPABASE_SETUP.sql** that is inside your wide-word folder. Select all the text (Ctrl+A) and copy it (Ctrl+C).
4. Paste it into the Supabase SQL Editor.
5. Click the green **Run** button.
6. You should see a success message. The tables for users, posts and chat are now ready.

Step 4 — Get Your API Keys

1. In Supabase, click the gear icon (Project Settings) → **API**.
2. Copy the **Project URL**.
3. Copy the **anon public** key (it is long).
4. Inside your wide-word folder, create a new file named exactly: **.env.local**
5. Open it with Notepad (Windows) or TextEdit (Mac) and paste this, replacing the values with your real keys:

```
NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_URL=https://your-project-id.supabase.co
NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY=your-anon-key-here
```

Save the file. Do not share these keys publicly.

Step 5 — Install Node.js

Node.js is free software that lets the app run on your computer.

1. Go to: **<https://nodejs.org>**
2. Download the **LTS** version (recommended).
3. Run the installer. Keep clicking Next / Install until it finishes.
4. When finished, you can close the installer.

Step 6 — Run the App on Your Laptop

1. Open **Terminal** (Mac/Linux) or **Command Prompt / PowerShell** (Windows).
2. Go into the project folder. Type the command below and press Enter (change the path if your folder is in a different place):

```
cd Desktop/wide-word
```

or

```
cd Documents/wide-word
```

3. Install the required packages (this may take 1–2 minutes):

```
npm install
```

4. Start the app:

```
npm run dev
```

5. Wait until you see a message that says something like “Ready” or “Local: http://localhost:3000”.

Step 7 — Open the App in Your Browser

1. Open Chrome, Edge, Firefox or Safari.

2. In the address bar type exactly:

```
http://localhost:3000
```

3. You should see the WIDE WORD landing page.

4. Click **Sign up free**, create an account, then try posting and chatting.

Tip: Keep the terminal window open while you use the app. Closing it will stop the app.

Step 8 — Put the App Online (So Real People Can Use It)

Right now the app only works on your laptop. To let anyone in the world use it:

1. Go to **https://vercel.com** and create a free account (sign up with GitHub is easiest).

2. Click **Add New Project** and import or upload the wide-word folder.

3. In the Environment Variables section, add the same two keys you used in .env.local:

```
NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_URL  
NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY
```

4. Click **Deploy**.

5. After 1–2 minutes you will get a real public link, for example:

https://wide-word.vercel.app

Now anyone can open that link on their phone or computer and use your app.

How You Earn Money

The app already includes a **Premium** page. Here are the main ways you can earn:

- **Premium subscriptions** – users pay a monthly fee (example \$4.99) for extra features.
- **Ads** – later you can show ads to free users.
- **Tips / virtual gifts** – users can tip inside chat or on posts.
- **Sponsored posts** – brands can pay to promote content.

We can connect real payments (Stripe) in a later step once the app is online.

Need Help?

If you get stuck on any step, just tell me:

- Which step number you are on
- What error message (if any) you see

I will guide you through it. You do not have to figure it out alone.