

# MAC INSTALL GUIDE / TIPS

There are 3 options, PlayOnMac, Parallels or VPS.

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<https://bit.ly/tradevps>

## Overview

Unlike Windows, **macOS doesn't natively support .exe files**, so depending on how you installed MT5 (via Wine, PlayOnMac, or a native broker version), the robot installation steps differ slightly.

All versions end with the same goal: **placing your EA files into the correct folder and activating it in MT5.**

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## **OPTION 1 — MT5 on Mac using Wine / PlayOnMac (most common setup)**

Used if your broker only provides a **Windows version** of MT5.

Download MT5 from <https://bit.ly/aaafxtrade>

### Step-by-Step

#### 1. Install PlayOnMac

- Download from: <https://www.playonmac.com>
- It creates a Windows-compatible environment inside macOS.

#### 2. Install MetaTrader 5 via PlayOnMac

- Inside PlayOnMac → Click **Install a program** → search for **MetaTrader 5**.

- Alternatively, download your broker's MT5 `.exe` and open it with PlayOnMac.

### 3. Access the MT5 data folder

- Open MT5 → **File** → **Open Data Folder**.
- Path example:

```
/Users/<yourname>/Library/PlayOnMac/wineprefix/MetaTrader5/drive_c/Program Files/MetaTrader 5/MQL5/Experts
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### 4. Copy the EA

- Copy your `.ex5` file into the `MQL5/Experts` folder.

### 5. Restart MT5 and follow the same attach steps (drag EA onto chart, allow Algo Trading, etc.)

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## **OPTION 2 — Use Parallels Desktop or Boot Camp (full Windows MT5 experience)**

Best if you want **100 % Windows compatibility** for advanced EAs or backtesting.

### Step-by-Step

#### 1. Install Parallels Desktop (recommended)

- <https://www.parallels.com>
- It runs a full copy of Windows 11 on your Mac.

#### 2. Install Windows MetaTrader 5 normally

- Same as on a PC: download MT5 from your broker, run the installer.

#### 3. Copy the EA file

- Go to `File` → `Open Data Folder` → `MQL5` → `Experts`.

- Paste your **.ex5** file.

#### 4. Restart and attach EA as normal.

✅ **Advantages:** Works perfectly with all indicators, DLLs, backtesting, and broker plugins.

⚠️ **Downside:** Requires a Windows license and more system resources.

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## ⚙️ TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

Problem	Cause	Fix
EA not showing under Experts	Wrong folder	Make sure you placed it inside <b>MQL5/Experts</b> , not <b>MQL5/Indicators</b>
Smiley face not appearing	Algo Trading disabled	Enable “Algo Trading” from the toolbar and EA settings
EA doesn’t trade	Missing DLL permissions	In EA settings → “Allow DLL imports”
Backtest won’t start	Incomplete data	Go to <b>Tools</b> → <b>History Center</b> and download full data
Can’t see folders	Hidden Library folder	In Finder: press <b>Cmd + Shift + .</b> to show hidden files

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## 📦 Optional: Cloud & Folder Sync

If you frequently update your EA:

- Store your **.ex5** file in a **Google Drive / Dropbox** synced folder.
- Replace it in MT5’s “Experts” directory when updated.

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## Quick Summary

Method	Ease	Best For
Windows VPS	★★★★	Simplicity, newer Macs
Wine / PlayOnMac	★★★	Free option for Windows EAs
Parallels / Boot Camp	★★★★★	Full compatibility & backtesting



## ADDITIONAL VIDEOS & INFORMATION:

<https://youtu.be/rrVrAxjovrk?si=q8CD7imoCyTCeBsA>

1. <https://www.axi.com/int/faqs/mt4-mac/how-do-i-set-up-eas-and-indicators-on-mt4-for-mac> (step by step guide -> follow this guide for your broker)
2. Message your broker asking them how to install **any** expert advisor to the MAC version of their MT4/MT5 platform, to see if they have a guide.
3. A step by step video <https://youtu.be/NEGsBQR0asc> (**Way 1 Easier**)
4. A step by step video <https://youtu.be/BAlag7N2JQs> (**way 2 Harder -> using Wine**)
5. You can also always purchase a Windows VPS from the Fury members area, and use that to host all your trading platforms.

These are 5 options for you.

I put the easiest options first (although 5 is easy, it just costs money which is why it's 5).

### Classic Installation Step by Step:

1. Install MT4 on your MAC from your broker.
2. Click Finder > Click Applications > Find MT4MAC that you just installed
3. Right click on it and select show package contents

4. Click "drive\_c" > "program files" > MT4MAC > MQL4 > EXPERTS FOLDER.. Copy and paste EX4 here (it's the only other file in this folder)
5. Put the dll file in libraries, next to the experts folder.
6. Restart MT4 the files will now be available in the navigator > indicators as shown in the members area video