

FIRST-RUN GUIDE

Your first 5 minutes

Use this quick start after you receive an approved beta invitation and private download link.

1. INSTALL AND SIGN IN

Open the downloaded DMG, drag PoisePath to Applications, then open it from Applications. Choose Create account (or Sign in), confirm your email, return to the app, and sign in. Start with Mock Interview using your normal microphone; BlackHole is only for the optional Live Coaching audio test.

2. CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

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Mock Interview

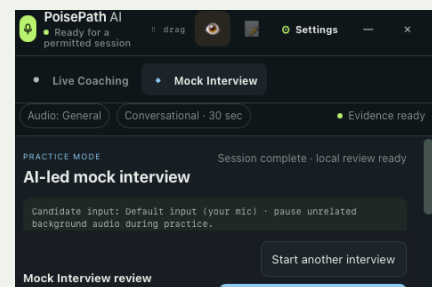
You speak your answer. Choose your normal microphone. This is the best first test.

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Live Coaching

Use only in a permitted or disclosed session. It listens for the interviewer question and offers a private suggestion.

Current PoisePath mock workspace (illustrative beta screen)



3. OPTIONAL LIVE COACHING AUDIO

Mock Interview

Select your normal microphone. No BlackHole setup is needed.

Live Coaching

Complete the next page only when you need computer/interviewer audio.

BlackHole is optional. Its current official installer path uses Discord; Homebrew is only for people who already use Terminal.

4. START A SAFE TEST

Click Listen, play a mock question or speak one in Mock Interview, and confirm the transcript appears. You can stop at any time. Do not begin with a real, undisclosed interview.

READY-MADE AUDIO TEST

Play the PoisePath mock-question video (opens YouTube): [Open audio test](#)

OPTIONAL LIVE COACHING SETUP

Hear the interviewer

Complete these steps only for permitted or disclosed Live Coaching sessions. Mock Interview does not require BlackHole.

1. INSTALL BLACKHOLE 2CH

BlackHole's maintainer currently provides the 2ch installer through its official Discord [#blackhole-download](#) channel. Homebrew is an alternative only if you already use Terminal.

[Open official BlackHole options](#)

Follow its current download instructions for the 2-channel version.

2. CREATE A MULTI-OUTPUT DEVICE

Open Audio MIDI Setup. Click +, choose Create Multi-Output Device (not Aggregate Device), and check both your real speakers or display and BlackHole 2ch.

Set the device you normally hear through as Primary Device. Enable Drift Correction only for BlackHole.

3. SELECT THE TWO AUDIO ROUTES

macOS Sound -> Output

Multi-Output Device

PoisePath Live Coaching -> interviewer audio input

BlackHole 2ch

Play the supplied test video. You should hear it through your real speakers and PoisePath should detect the computer audio.

4. QUICK TROUBLESHOOTING

Speakers are silent? macOS is likely set to BlackHole alone - choose Multi-Output Device. BlackHole missing? finish the official install, reopen PoisePath, and restart only if it still does not appear. For Mock Interview, switch back to your normal microphone.

PRACTICE WITH CONTEXT

Build, practice, review

Profiles and practice reviews remain local to your Mac unless you explicitly export them.

5. CREATE AN INTERVIEW PROFILE

Choose Create Interview Profile and add a job posting or URL, company, role, resume, and relevant projects. Review the proposed competencies before starting a job-specific mock interview.

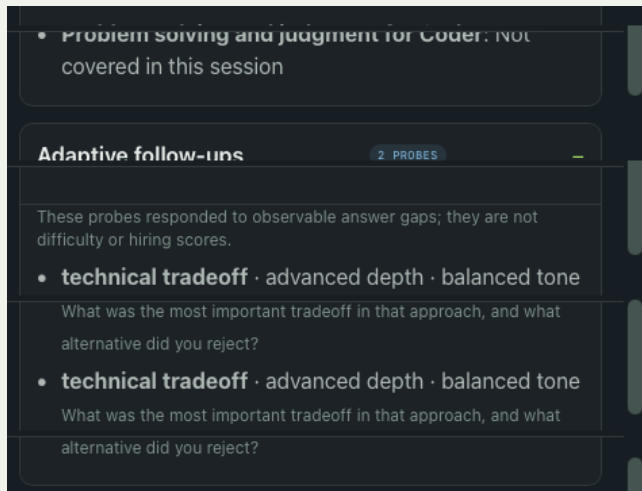
PROFILE FLOW

Posting -> themes -> mock

Save profiles separately by company and role.

6. REVIEW AND SAVE PROGRESS

Practice review: save the session only when you want cross-session progress



After a mock session

- Review which questions were practiced.
- Keep only advice that matches your own evidence.
- Use Save progress to this profile only when you want to retain it.
- Choose Done to return to Live Coaching when practice is complete.

7. IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

First check: mode selected, audio device selected, and macOS permission. For live interviewer audio, confirm macOS output is Multi-Output Device and PoisePath input is BlackHole 2ch. Then quit and reopen PoisePath before retrying.

When asking for help, share the mode, selected audio input, and exact error text. Do not send transcripts, resume content, passwords, or API keys.