

CRXJS Error: Path contains invalid characters when running chrome extension

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I cloned the chrome extension quickstart from [this site](#), however I am unable to run it after installing the dependencies (with yarn). I am using Node 16 via NVM as Node-Gyp was giving some installation errors on Node 18. When I run "yarn dev" I get the following output after Vite initializes the local dev server:

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PS C:\Users\kking\OneDrive\Documents\code\Client Projects\refine3\refine-v3>
yarn dev
yarn run v1.22.19
warning ..\package.json: No license field
$ run-s clean && vite
warning ..\package.json: No license field
$ run-p clean:*
warning ..\package.json: No license field
warning ..\package.json: No license field
$ rimraf dist
$ rimraf dist-firefox-v2

VITE v4.3.9 ready in 881 ms

  → Local:   http://127.0.0.1:5173/
  → Network: use --host to expose
  → press h to show help
C:\Users\kking\OneDrive\Documents\code\Client Projects\refine3\refine-
v3\node_modules\@crxjs\vite-plugin\node_modules\fs-extra\lib\mkdirs\utils.js:16
    const error = new Error(`Path contains invalid characters: ${pth}`)
                  ^

Error: Path contains invalid characters:
C:/Users/kking/OneDrive/Documents/code/Client Projects/refine3/refine-
v3/src/C:\Users\kking\OneDrive\Documents\code\Client Projects\refine3\refine-
v3\dist\content
    at checkPath (C:\Users\kking\OneDrive\Documents\code\Client
Projects\refine3\refine-v3\node_modules\@crxjs\vite-plugin\node_modules\fs-
extra\lib\mkdirs\utils.js:16:21)
    at Object.module.exports.mkdir
(C:\Users\kking\OneDrive\Documents\code\Client Projects\refine3\refine-
v3\node_modules\@crxjs\vite-plugin\node_modules\fs-extra\lib\mkdirs\make-
dir.js:12:3)
    at Object.defineProperty.value
(C:\Users\kking\OneDrive\Documents\code\Client Projects\refine3\refine-
v3\node_modules\universalify\index.js:22:13)
    at C:\Users\kking\OneDrive\Documents\code\Client Projects\refine3\refine-
v3\node_modules\@crxjs\vite-plugin\node_modules\fs-extra\lib\output-
file\index.js:20:11
    at C:\Users\kking\OneDrive\Documents\code\Client Projects\refine3\refine-
v3\node_modules\universalify\index.js:22:54 {
  code: 'EINVAL'
}
error Command failed with exit code 1.
```

info Visit <https://yarnpkg.com/en/docs/cli/run> for documentation about this command.

I initially thought the issue was due to running from a Onedrive-synced folder, so I ran it from a different folder but had the same result. I have looked through the issues on CRXJS's repo, Vite's repo, and the repo for this quickstart but have not been able to find any posted issues mentioning this problem. [repo](#)

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