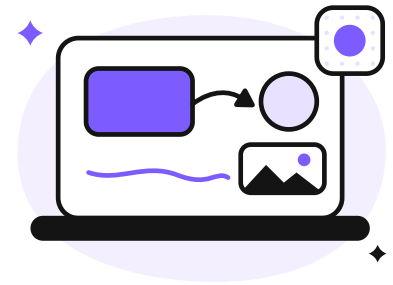


Install the desktop app

SnipDot is an idea board for images, notes, sketches and arrows. The desktop app runs as an app on your Mac or Windows PC: no web space, no address, no password. Your boards are stored as regular files on your computer. This guide takes you through the setup once.



About 5 minutes

Mac or Windows

No web hosting

What you need



The SnipDot package

The file `snipdot-installation.zip`. It contains the desktop app for Mac (`SnipDot.app`), for Windows (`SnipDot-Setup.exe`) and the folder **Guide Desktop** with this guide and a short video.



A Mac or Windows PC

Mac with Apple silicon (M1 or later) and macOS 12 or later – to see which chip, choose “About This Mac” from the Apple menu. **PC** with Windows 10 or 11 (64-bit).



Some space

The app itself needs about 25 MB on a Mac, 50 MB on Windows. On top of that come your boards with all their images, PDFs and videos.



If you like: a cloud folder

OneDrive, Dropbox or iCloud Drive – only if you want your boards on several computers, even a mix of Mac and Windows.

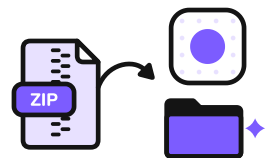
On iPad and iPhone too? That's what SnipDot online is for, on your own web space. It's in the package too, and its guide is in the **Guide Online** folder.

Step by step

1

Open the package

On a **Mac**, just double-click `snipdot-installation.zip`. On **Windows**, right-click it and choose “Extract All...”. This creates the folder `snipdot-installation`. From it you only need the app for your computer.



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snipdot-installation/
├─ Guide Desktop/      this guide and video
├─ Guide Online/       guide and video for your web space
├─ SnipDot.app         the desktop app for Mac
├─ SnipDot-Setup.exe   the desktop app for Windows
└─ snipdot.zip         only for your web space
```

If your browser has already opened the package for you, the folder `snipdot-installation` is already in your Downloads folder. In the Finder the Mac app is usually just called **SnipDot**, without “.app”.

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Install and open

The first time, your computer asks for confirmation because SnipDot doesn't come from the App Store or the Microsoft Store. You only need to do this once.

Mac

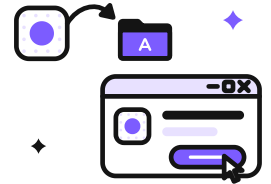
1. Drag **SnipDot** into your **"Applications"** folder (in the Finder sidebar on the left) and open it there with a double-click.
2. macOS says it can't verify the app. Close the message with **"Done"** or **"OK"**, not with **"Move to Trash"**.
3. From the Apple menu, open **"System Settings"** → **"Privacy & Security"**, scroll all the way down and, next to the note about SnipDot, click **"Open Anyway"**. Confirm once more and enter your Mac password or use Touch ID.

macOS shows the button for about an hour after the first attempt; if it's missing, open SnipDot once more. In macOS 12 the pane is called **"Security & Privacy"** ("General" tab).

Windows

1. Double-click **SnipDot-Setup.exe**.
2. If Windows shows **"Windows protected your PC"**, click **"More info"**, then **"Run anyway"**.
3. Click **"Install"**, then **"Finish"**. SnipDot starts and from now on is in the Start menu. You don't need admin rights – SnipDot is installed just for you.

Start it faster: On a Mac, while SnipDot is running, Control-click its icon in the Dock → **"Options"** → **"Keep in Dock"**. On Windows, right-click its icon in the taskbar → **"Pin to taskbar"**.



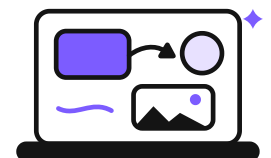
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Get started

SnipDot opens with the overview of your boards.

- **Language:** SnipDot starts in English. To change it, click **"..."** at the top right, then **"Language: English"**.
- **First board:** create a **"New board"** and drag an image into it from the Finder or File Explorer. SnipDot saves on its own.
- **Quit:** on a Mac with **⌘** **Q**, on Windows by closing the window. SnipDot saves anything that isn't saved yet first.

To see where your boards are and how much space they take, go to Overview → **"..."** → **"Storage location and size"**. There, **"Open in Finder"** or **"Open in File Explorer"** opens the folder.



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On several computers

Optional: if you want the same boards on several computers, put the data folder into a cloud folder. Mac and Windows can share the same folder.



1. Overview → "... → **"Storage location and size"** → **"Change..."**.
2. Choose a folder in OneDrive, Dropbox or iCloud Drive. Your boards move there.
3. On your next computer, install SnipDot, choose the same folder and confirm **"Use this folder"**.

Only one computer at a time. Open SnipDot only once the cloud service has finished syncing, and quit it on the other computer first. If SnipDot is still open there, it warns you. Make the folder available offline in the cloud service (OneDrive: **"Always keep on this device"**) so that all files are really on your computer.

● Everyday use

Back up	Overview → "... → "Download backup" . You get a ZIP file with all boards and images. Do this regularly, for example once a month – even with a cloud folder, which syncs accidental deletions just as faithfully. Don't unpack the ZIP file. To bring it back, use "Restore backup..." .
Videos	Drag videos (MP4, MOV, WebM, up to 1 GB) onto a board just like images; the play symbol plays them. They're stored in the data folder and need space on your computer – a phone video can easily take a few hundred MB. When you back up, SnipDot asks whether to include the videos.
Install a new version	Quit SnipDot. Mac: drag the SnipDot app from the new package into your "Applications" folder and choose "Replace" ; if macOS asks again when you open it, allow it as in step 2. Windows: run the new <code>SnipDot-Setup.exe</code> – it replaces the old version. Your boards are kept: they're not inside the app but in the data folder. A backup beforehand doesn't hurt, though.
Move to your web space	"Download backup" in the desktop app, "Restore backup..." in SnipDot online – and the same way back.
Only online	iPad, iPhone and Android phones, access from the browser on other devices, share links and the connection to Claude. The desktop app stays on your computers.
Remove SnipDot	Quit SnipDot. Mac: drag the app from "Applications" to the Trash. Windows: "Settings" → "Apps" → "Installed apps" → "..." next to SnipDot → "Uninstall" . Your boards stay in the data folder until you delete it yourself.

● If something doesn't work

macOS won't let SnipDot open

That's normal the first time: allow it as in step 2 via **"Privacy & Security"** → **"Open Anyway"**. If the button is missing, try opening SnipDot once more first.

Windows blocks the installer

At **"Windows protected your PC"**, first click **"More info"**; then **"Run anyway"** appears. If the button is missing entirely, a setting on your computer (common on company PCs) blocks unrecognized apps – use SnipDot online instead.

My Mac has an Intel chip

The Mac app only runs on Macs with Apple silicon (M1 or later). Use SnipDot online instead: it runs in any browser, including on Intel Macs. Its guide is in the **Guide Online** folder.

"Data folder not found"

The folder with your boards isn't there right now – usually the drive isn't connected, or the cloud service (OneDrive, Dropbox, iCloud Drive) isn't running yet. Wait a moment and choose **"Try Again"**. If you moved the folder, show SnipDot the new location with **"Choose Another Folder..."**.

Boards are missing on the second computer

The cloud service hasn't downloaded all files to this computer yet. Quit SnipDot, make the folder available offline in the cloud service, wait until syncing has finished and open SnipDot again.

"SnipDot is also open on ..."

SnipDot is still running on another computer with the same data folder. Quit it there and choose **"Keep working"** here – or choose **"Quit here"**. If two computers work at the same time, changes can get lost.

Windows says WebView2 is missing

SnipDot shows its interface with **"Microsoft Edge WebView2"**. On Windows 11 it's always there, on Windows 10 almost always. If it's missing, SnipDot offers **"Download..."**: install it and open SnipDot again.

Where are my boards?

Overview → **"..."** → **"Storage location and size"** names the folder and opens it. Unless you chose another one, it's `~/Library/Application Support/SnipDot/data` on a Mac and `%LOCALAPPDATA%\SnipDot\data` on Windows. Don't change files there by hand.

As of 14 October 2026. The menus of macOS, Windows and your cloud service may be named slightly differently from this guide.