ClipNest

INSTALL & ACTIVATION GUIDE

Welcome to ClipNest. You're 3 minutes away.

This guide takes you from the download to your first copy in ClipNest, on Windows or macOS. Please read the pages for your computer **before** you install. The security messages you'll see are normal, and each one is shown step by step.

Windows 10 / 11 · macOS (Apple Silicon & Intel) · 5-day free trial · 1 license = 2 computers · Lifetime use

1

Download the installer

From clipnest.dev, or from the Polar email you got after buying.

2

Install

Follow your system's pages. The security warnings are normal and shown with pictures.

3

Start the trial or activate

Try every feature free for 5 days, or paste your license key once.

4

Point at the screen edge

The panel slides out with everything you've copied.

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See it working first? Watch the short tour and try the live demo at **clipnest.dev**

1 Your download and license key

Just trying ClipNest? Download it from **clipnest.dev**. You don't need a key or an account for the 5-day free trial.

Bought a license? ClipNest payments are handled by **Polar** (polar.sh). Right after you pay:

1. Polar emails your **order confirmation** and your **license key** to the address you used at checkout. Not there? Check **Spam**, **Promotions** or **Updates**.
2. The email also links to your Polar **customer portal**. Sign in with your checkout email and the one-time code Polar sends you. No password needed. Your key (with a copy button) is there any time you need it again.

> 🔑 **Keep your key private**
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> Each key works on **2 computers**. Anyone who has it can use up your activations, so don't post or share it.

2 Which file do I need?

Your computer	Download this file	Good to know
WIN Windows 10 / 11	`ClipNest_1.0.0_x64-setup.exe`	The normal installer for almost every Windows PC.
WIN Managed office PCs	`ClipNest_1.0.0_x64_en-US.msi`	Only if your IT team asks for an .msi.
MAC Any Mac (M1–M4 or Intel)	`ClipNest_1.0.0_universal.dmg`	One file runs natively on both Apple chips and Intel.

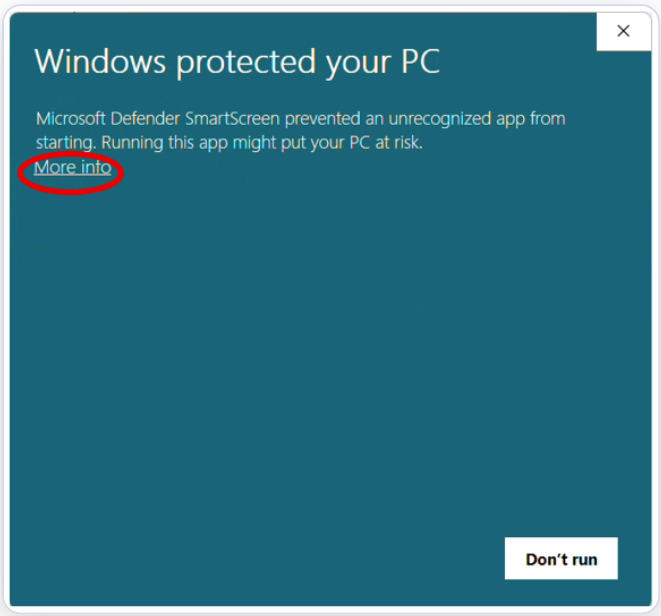
The installers are small (about 10–40 MB). Everything ClipNest saves stays on your own computer.

> **Only download ClipNest from clipnest.dev or your Polar email**
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> Copies from other websites may be changed or out of date.

WIN Install on Windows

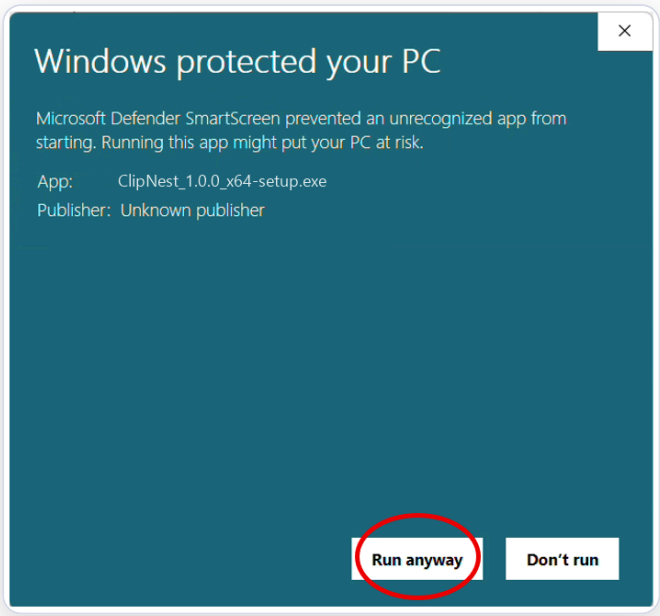
1. Download `ClipNest_1.0.0_x64-setup.exe` and double-click it in your **Downloads** folder.
2. Windows may show a blue **"Windows protected your PC"** window. This is normal for apps from independent developers, so follow the two pictures below.

STEP A



Click **More info**

STEP B



Click **Run anyway**

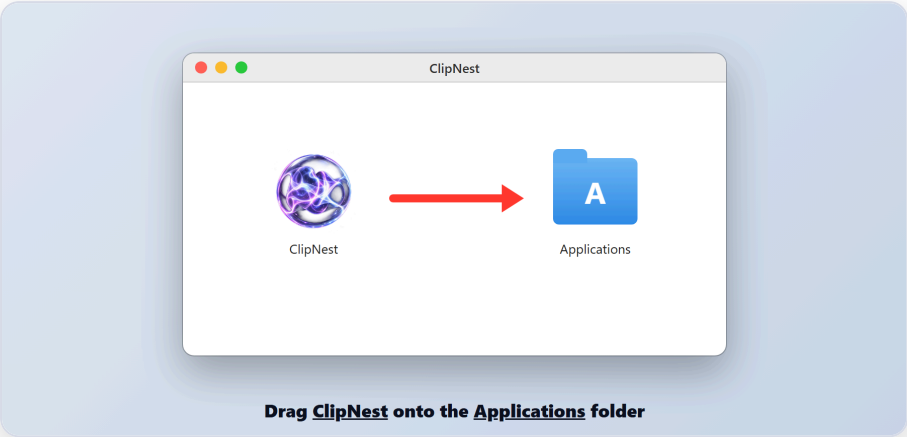
3. If Windows asks "Do you want to allow this app to make changes to your device?", click **Yes**.
4. In the installer, click **Next** → **Install** → **Finish**. The default folder is fine.
5. ClipNest starts by itself. It has no big window: it waits at the **left edge of your screen**, and its icon sits in the **system tray** next to the clock. Then start your trial or activate (page 6).

Antivirus blocked or deleted the installer?

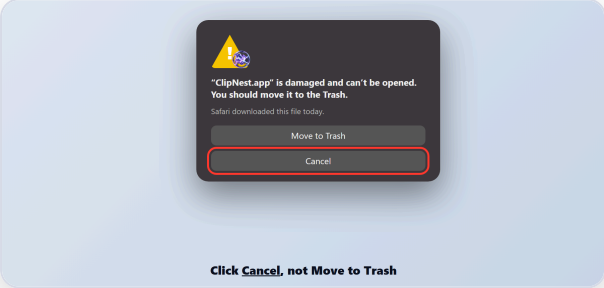
Some antivirus tools flag new apps they haven't seen before. Restore the file from quarantine, or download it again from clipnest.dev, and allow it.

MAC Install on macOS

1. Download `ClipNest_1.0.0_universal.dmg`. It works on every Mac, Apple chip or Intel.
2. Double-click the downloaded `.dmg`. When the window opens, **drag ClipNest onto the Applications folder**:



3. Close that window. Open **Finder** → **Applications** and double-click **ClipNest**.
4. **macOS may now show this message. That's expected.** Click **Cancel**, not "Move to Trash":



Click **Cancel**

Why does this happen?

ClipNest isn't damaged. macOS shows this for apps downloaded outside the App Store that aren't notarised by Apple yet. A one-time Terminal step (next page) tells your Mac it's safe. It takes about 30 seconds.

Continue on the next page

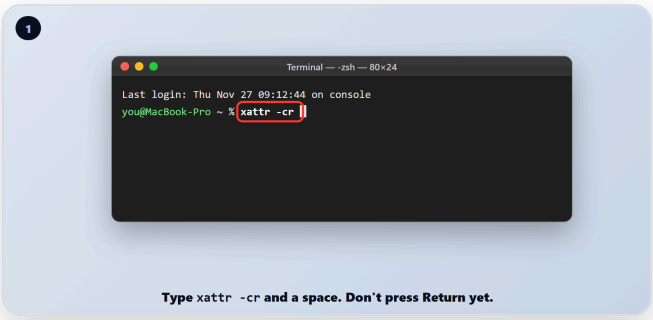
Leave ClipNest in Applications and follow the 5 pictures on page 5.

Different message?

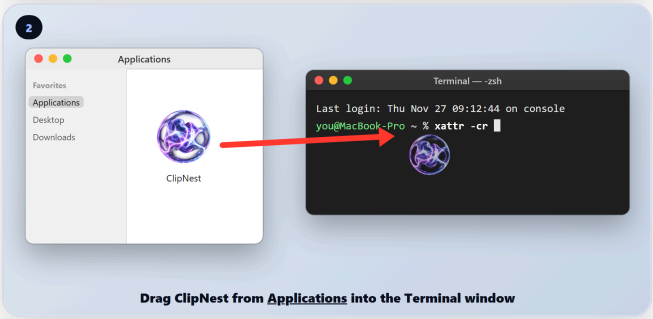
If macOS says Apple "could not verify" ClipNest instead, click **Done**, go to → **System Settings** → **Privacy & Security**, scroll down and click **Open Anyway**, then confirm with your password.

MAC Let ClipNest open (one time only)

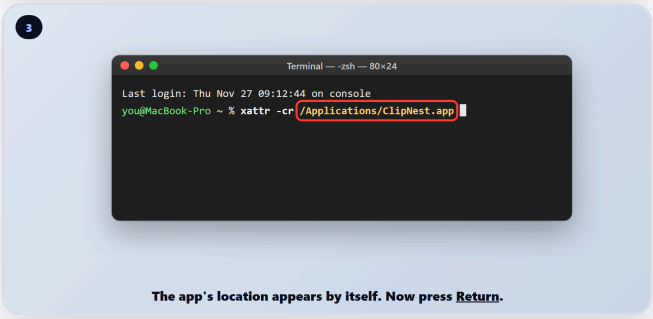
Open Terminal: press `⌘ Command` + `Space`, type **Terminal**, and press `Return`. Then follow these 5 pictures:



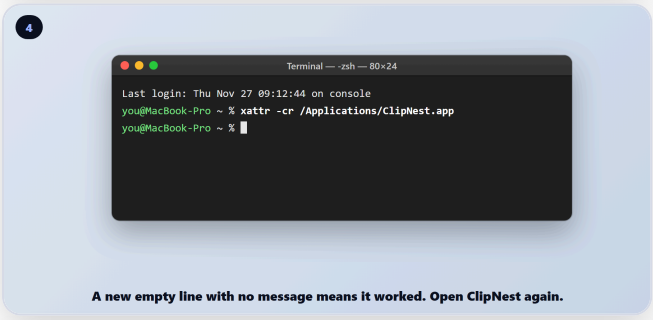
1. Type `xattr -cr` followed by a **space**. Don't press Return yet.



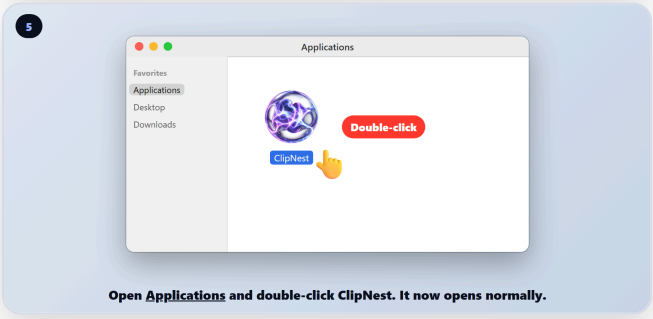
2. Drag **ClipNest** from the Applications window into the Terminal window.



3. The rest of the line, `/Applications/ClipNest.app`, fills in by itself.



4. Press `Return`. A new empty line with no message means it worked. Close Terminal.



5. Open **Finder** → **Applications** and **double-click ClipNest**. It opens normally now, and every time from now on.

⌨ Prefer typing it all?
Type this whole line, then press Return:

```
xattr -cr /Applications/ClipNest.app
```

3 Start your free trial or activate

The first time ClipNest opens, it shows its welcome window. Pick one:

Try it free for 5 days

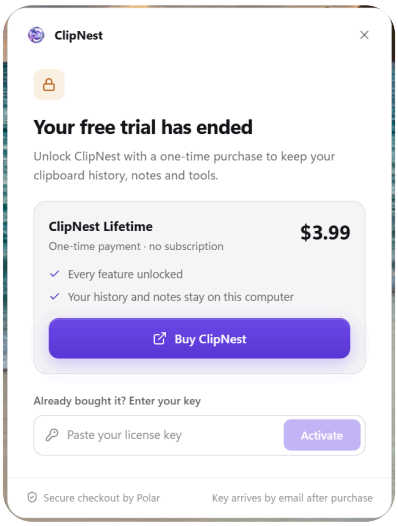
Click **Start 5-day free trial**. Every feature is unlocked, with no key and no account. The 5 days start only when you click, not when you install.

Already bought it?

Click **I already have a license key**, paste your key and click **Activate**.

Activate your license

1. Copy your key from your Polar email or customer portal with the **Copy** button.
2. Paste it into **License key**: `Ctrl + V` on Windows, `⌘ + V` on Mac.
3. Click **Activate**. This needs the internet once.
4. Done! ClipNest is yours for life on this computer. Your trial history and notes stay where they are.



When the trial ends

ClipNest pauses and shows this window. **Buy ClipNest** opens the secure Polar checkout in your browser. Paste the key from your receipt into the box at the bottom and click **Activate**. Everything you copied during the trial is still there.

Works offline

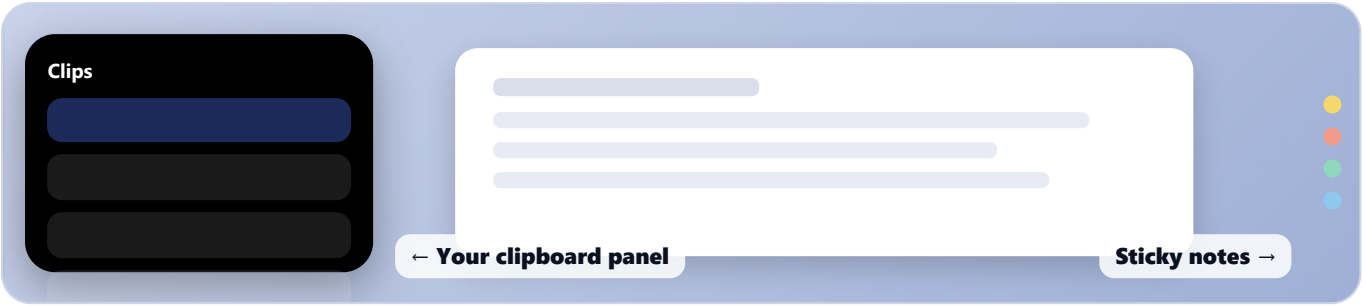
After activation, ClipNest checks your license now and then when you're online. Offline, it keeps working for **48 hours**. Connect at least once every 2 days so it can check again.

Messages you might see

You see	What to do
"That license key was not found" / "doesn't look like a valid license key"	Copy the key again with the Copy button, so there are no extra spaces and nothing is missing.
"This key is already activated on 2 computers"	Each license works on 2 computers. Email support@clipnest.dev if you replaced a computer.
"Could not reach the license server"	Check your internet, VPN or firewall and try again in a few minutes.
"Connect to the internet to verify your license"	You've been offline for more than 48 hours. Connect and reopen ClipNest.
"Revoked, disabled or has expired" / "different product"	Email support@clipnest.dev with your order email.

4 Your first minute with ClipNest

ClipNest has no window to open. It waits at the edge of your screen and saves everything you copy.



Open the panel

Move your pointer to the **left edge** of the screen, or press `Alt + C` (`⌥ + C` on Mac). Move away and it hides.

Copy as usual

Text, links, images, files and colours land at the top of the list. **Click** an item to paste it where you were typing.

Find anything

Type in the search box, or filter by Text, Links, Images or Files. **Pin** what you paste every day.

Drag in and out

Drop files onto the panel, and drag saved items back into any app or folder.

Sticky notes

The coloured dots on the **right edge** are your notes. Point at them to fan them out.

Images

Open an image to edit it, **Convert** it to PNG, JPEG or WebP, **Compress** it, or copy the text in it.

To-dos and System Pulse

Use the tabs at the top of the panel for today's list and live CPU, GPU and memory.

Make it yours

Open **Settings** (the gear) to change the edge, the shortcut, the theme, the copy indicator, or to pause capture.

Where is the app icon?

Windows: in the system tray next to the clock (click the ^ arrow if it's hidden). Mac: in the menu bar at the top right. Click it for Show / Hide ClipNest, Settings, the System Pulse widget and Quit.

5 Updates, quick fixes & help

Updates

ClipNest tells you when a new version is ready. Your license, history, notes and settings carry over, so you never need to activate again after an update.

Quick fixes

Problem	Fix
No order email	Check Spam/Promotions, or sign in to your Polar customer portal with your checkout email.
Windows "protected your PC"	More info → Run anyway (page 3).
Mac "damaged" / "can't be opened"	Click Cancel, then do the one-time Terminal step (page 5).
Mac "could not verify"	System Settings → Privacy & Security → Open Anyway (page 4).
The panel doesn't open at the edge	Press `Alt + C` / `⌥ + C`, or check Settings → which edge and screen ClipNest uses.
Nothing new appears when I copy	Capture may be paused (incognito): open the panel's Settings and turn it off.
I want to stop using it on a computer	Quit ClipNest from its icon and uninstall it like any other app.

Need help? We answer every email.

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