ChatVault Installation Manual

1. Requirements

Platform	Requirements
Android	Android 8.0 or later, 50 MB free, Internet connection for the license
Windows	Windows 10 or 11 64-bit, 300 MB free
macOS	macOS 12 Monterey or later (Intel or Apple Silicon), 300 MB free
iPhone	No app to install on the phone: use the Windows or macOS app

2. Buying and downloading from the website

1. Go to **chatvault.app**, tick the consent box and press **Buy and download**.
2. Complete the payment. The confirmation page shows your **license code**: copy it and keep it safe (it is also on the email receipt).
3. On the same page press **Windows**, **macOS** or **Android (APK)** to download the app. Links are personal and valid for 10 minutes.
4. To download again later or on another device, open **Download area** on the website and enter your license code.

3. Android from Google Play

1. Open Google Play, search for **ChatVault** and tap **Install**.
2. Open the app: you buy directly in the app through Google Play.

4. Android from the APK file (website version)

1. Download `ChatVault-Android.apk` from the Download area using your phone.
2. Open the file from notifications or **Files → Downloads**.
3. If Android asks, tap **Settings** and enable **Allow from this source** for your browser or file manager, then go back.
4. Tap **Install**, then **Open**.
5. In the app enter your code in the **License code** field and tap **Activate**.
6. After installing you can switch **Allow from this source** off again.

> Do not install the Google Play version and the website version together: pick one.

5. Windows

1. Run `ChatVault-Setup.exe`.
2. If "Windows protected your PC" appears, check that the publisher is **CPD Consulting**, then press **More info → Run anyway**.
3. Accept the license agreement, choose the folder and press **Install**.
4. Start ChatVault from the Start menu, paste the license code and press **Activate**. - Alternatively install ChatVault from the **Microsoft Store** and activate it with the code bought on the website.

6. macOS

1. Open `ChatVault.dmg` and drag **ChatVault** into **Applications**.
2. Open ChatVault from Applications. On first launch confirm **Open**.
3. Paste the license code and press **Activate**.
4. For iPhone backups only: **System Settings → Privacy & Security → Full Disk Access** → enable **ChatVault** and restart the app.

7. Connecting an Android phone to the PC (USB cable only)

1. Download **Android SDK Platform-Tools** from Google's official site (developer.android.com/tools/releases/platform-tools) and extract the ZIP, e.g. to `C:\platform-tools` or Applications.
2. On the phone: **Settings → About phone →** tap **Build number** 7 times, then **Settings → System → Developer options →** enable **USB debugging**.
3. Connect the cable, unlock the phone and accept **Allow USB debugging** for this computer.
4. In ChatVault press ⟳. If the phone doesn't appear, press **adb…** and select `adb.exe` (Windows) or `adb` (Mac) in the extracted folder.
5. When finished you can turn USB debugging off.

> If you don't want to use ADB, copy the `Android/media/com.whatsapp/WhatsApp` folder to the PC with File Explorer and use **Folder already copied to this PC**.

8. Updating and uninstalling

- **Updating:** Google Play and the Microsoft Store update automatically; for website versions download the file again from the Download area and install it over the existing one. The license is kept.
- **Uninstalling:** Android → long-press the icon → Uninstall. Windows → Settings → Apps → ChatVault → Uninstall. Mac → drag ChatVault to the Trash.
- Your `.cvault` files are never deleted by uninstalling.

9. Checking downloaded files

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