

INTRODUCING MTDIFY LOCAL EDITION

*Private, Simple Bookkeeping for UK Sole Traders. No Cloud. No Subscriptions.
No Stress.*

1. Welcome

Running a small business or earning self-employed income means keeping track of receipts, payments, and everyday expenses. But that doesn't mean you need complicated accounting software, ongoing subscription fees, or a cloud account that stores your financial data elsewhere.

MTDify Local Edition is a **local-first bookkeeping tool** designed for UK sole traders, freelancers, and small business owners who want a simple, organised way to track their income and expenses — without the heaviness of traditional accounting apps.

The software runs entirely on your own computer.

There is no cloud, no login, no external server, and no subscription.

Your data stays private, under your control, and stored safely on your device.

MTDify is ideal for people who **do NOT fall under Making Tax Digital requirements** and who simply want clear, reliable digital bookkeeping to stay organised throughout the year.

If you prefer a straightforward, offline approach to managing your business records, MTDify Local Edition gives you a clean, modern system without unnecessary features or ongoing costs.

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2. What Is Making Tax Digital (MTD)?

Making Tax Digital (MTD) is a long-term UK Government initiative aimed at modernising how individuals and businesses keep and report their tax records.

The goal of MTD is to replace paper-based and manual processes with systems that use digital record-keeping and software-driven submissions.

At its core, MTD introduces three main ideas:

1. Digital record-keeping

Businesses must keep certain financial information in a digital format rather than handwritten or paper-based records.

2. Use of compatible software

When a taxpayer is brought into the MTD system, they must use software that meets HMRC's technical requirements for sending updates and returns.

3. More frequent reporting

Instead of submitting figures once a year, MTD requires regular digital updates sent to HMRC through approved software.

MTD is being rolled out gradually, beginning with VAT and later expanding to other types of tax. Not all taxpayers are required to use MTD yet, and many will continue using the traditional Self Assessment process for the foreseeable future, but the overall direction is toward a fully digital tax system over time.

3. What Is MTDify Local Edition?

MTDify Local Edition is a simple, private bookkeeping system built for **one business per installation**. It provides everything a self-employed individual needs to keep clean organised bookkeeping records:

- Income and Expense tracking
- Categories
- Dashboards
- CSV export
- Local database (SQLite)
- One-time payment
- Works offline

Think of it as **your modern digital account book**, stored entirely on your device.

4. Why Offline-First?

Offline-first software runs entirely on **your computer**, not the internet/cloud.

This means:

- ✓ No data ever leaves your device
- ✓ No risk of online breaches
- ✓ No subscription fees
- ✓ No dependence on a company staying online
- ✓ No shutdown risk
- ✓ No syncing or internet required

Offline-first tools are growing in popularity because they give users:

- more control / more privacy / more stability / more ownership

MTDify Local Edition follows this principle fully. People are moving away from cloud tools because they:

- require subscriptions – you can pay for tools you don't even need
- store your data
- change pricing frequently
- limit features behind tiers
- require internet
- collect analytics

MTDify Local Edition gives you **the power of digital bookkeeping without the overhead of cloud platforms.**

5. Who Is This For?

MTDify Local Edition is perfect for:

- Sole traders / Freelancers / Self-employed / Consultants
- Side-business owners
- Therapists & wellbeing practitioners
- Tradespeople
- Developers & digital workers

If you are self-employed with straightforward bookkeeping needs, even simple organisation can save you hours and avoid costly mistakes at year end.

6. What MTDify Local Edition Includes

✓ Income Tracker

Log payments as they come in — date, amount, category, description.

✓ Expense Tracker

Record business spending clearly and quickly.

✓ Categories

Organise income and expenses with tidy categories.

✓ Dashboard

At-a-glance view of your totals, spending, and patterns.

✓ CSV Export

Perfect for sharing clear totals with your accountant.

✓ Local Database

Stored on your device using SQLite — fast, simple, private.

✓ Offline Access

Use it anywhere, even without internet.

✓ One-Time Payment

No subscription. No recurring fees.

✓ Automatic Backups

Every time you open the software a backup is created.

7. What MTDify Local Edition Does *Not* Do

To keep the software simple, private, and stable, it does **not** include:

- HMRC integration
- VAT submission
- Online syncing
- Mobile apps
- Multi-user logins
- Multi-business support
- Cloud hosting
- Accountant collaboration tools

This is a clean, focused bookkeeping tool – not an accounting platform.

8. How It Works

1. Download: You receive a ZIP file after purchase.

2. Unzip: Extract it to a folder.

3. Run:

- Windows → double-click **MTDifyLocal** (or **MTDifyStarter**)
- Mac/Linux → double-click **MTDifyMac** (or **MTDifyMacStarter**)

4. Bookkeeping in Your Browser: Your personal offline dashboard opens in the browser.

5. Export CSV Anytime: Great for sending to your accountant.

6. Back Up the One Database File: Your entire business record is stored in a single SQLite file you own.

9. Benefits of Using MTDify Local Edition

✓ Saves Hours

Bookkeeping becomes a weekly 5-minute task.

✓ Reduces Mistakes

Cleaner records = fewer surprises at year end.

✓ Gives Peace of Mind

No more digging for receipts or guessing totals.

✓ Builds Good Habits

Simple tools make consistent record-keeping easy.

✓ Keeps You Prepared for MTD

Digital records are essential with MTD. Using digital software helps you get into a routine of using them once you reach the MTD threshold.

✓ Privacy First

Your financial data is yours alone.

Next Steps

Your free guide ends here — but your clean, organised financial life is just getting started.

The full MTDify Local Edition includes:

- Dashboards
- Income & Expense forms
- Categories
- CSV export
- Automated backup
- Multi-year setup
- Full documentation
- Updates
- Troubleshooting guide

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is “Offline-First”?

Offline-First means the software runs entirely on **your own device** — not on a cloud server, not in someone else’s database, and not behind an online login.

Your data stays:

- on your computer
- in your control
- fully private
- offline
- without risk of cloud outages or breaches

Offline-First apps are becoming popular because they:

- eliminate subscription fees
- protect privacy
- give you permanent ownership of your data
- work even without an internet connection

MTDify follows this principle, so **your bookkeeping records never leave your machine** unless *you* export them.

What is MTDify?

MTDify is a simple digital bookkeeping tool for the self-employed and small businesses. It helps you keep clear, organised digital records, which is an essential habit for future MTD rules – but it does not submit tax returns or quarterly updates.

Think of it as:

“Everything you need to keep clean, digital business records without cloud apps or monthly fees.”

How does MTDify Local Edition work?

MTDify runs privately on your computer using a simple local database (SQLite). When you open it:

1. A small window appears (your local server)
2. You visit it in your browser (like visiting a website, but offline)
3. You add income and expenses
4. Everything is saved locally
5. Dashboard updates instantly
6. You export CSV files at the end of the year

You do **not** need:

- cloud storage
- online accounts
- syncing
- internet access

It's similar to using a spreadsheet — just easier, faster, and better organised.

Do I need to be technical to use this?

Yes — you should be at least reasonably tech-savvy.

MTDify is designed for people comfortable with:

- Downloading a ZIP file and unzipping a folder
- Double-clicking a script to start the software
- Opening a browser
- Navigating a simple dashboard

If you can:

- install software
- use Excel or Google Sheets
- follow simple on-screen instructions

...then you can use MTDify Local Edition. You do **not** need programming knowledge.

What's the difference between Starter Edition and Local Edition?

Local Edition

- Add Income, expenses and categories
- Download more reports including end of year
- The many extras include ability to upload receipts
- Perfect for self-employed and small business

Starter Edition

- Runs on your local computer
- Private, offline, local-first
- Add income, expenses and categories

- Ideal for hobbyists, personal accounts or to test out MTDify

Neither version connects to HMRC.

Can I try a free version before purchasing?

Yes. [MTDify offers a completely free Starter Edition](#) that allows you to try the basic features before deciding whether the Local Edition is right for you. You can download the Starter Edition from the website.

You also have an option to [register for a free account](#) (*you need an account to purchase anyway*) and use the online demo dashboard, which lets you explore the interface without installing anything. The demo site resets every 12 hours and is for testing only, but it gives you a clear view of how digital bookkeeping works. The Local Edition includes the full, unrestricted system for running your actual business records.

Does MTDify submit my taxes to HMRC?

No. All MTDify editions are **record-keeping tools**, not submission tools for professionals below the MTD threshold. You use it to keep accurate digital records. Tax submission is done separately using HMRC's existing tools or through your accountant.

Do you store any of my financial data?

No. Never. Your data stays entirely on:

- your computer (Starter and Local Edition)
- your server (Pro Edition – once available)

We cannot access your information. We do not process or store any financial records.

Does this replace my accountant?

No – and it's not meant to. MTDify helps you keep everything tidy so your accountant can:

- reduce errors
- avoid missing expenses
- save you money
- submit accurate figures

It makes *you* more organised and makes *their* job easier.

Can I run this on more than one computer?

Yes — with limitations:

- You may install it on your own devices
- Your licence is single-user
- Your data is stored locally, so it won't sync automatically
- To move data, you export/import or copy your database file

Can I use this for multiple businesses?

NO. This software is for a single user. One business only.

Does this work offline?

Yes — fully offline. Internet is only needed for:

- downloading updates
- purchasing the product

Do I need Python?

Yes — but only for running the application. You do not need to use Python. The software script handles the technical bits for you.

Will this work on Windows and Mac?

Yes. You can choose one or the other when you go to buy. In the folder:

- Windows: double-click **MTDifyLocal**
- Mac: run **MTDifyMac**
- Tested across all systems

Will you help me if I get stuck?

Yes — reasonable installation support is included. Just create a support ticket through your [MTDify.uk](https://mtdify.uk) account.

Will there be updates?

Yes. You receive free **minor updates** (1.x.x).

Major upgrades (2.0+) can be purchased by subscription and supports the work we do.

Can I use this for clients?

Not with the standard licence. You need a **Commercial Licence** if you want to:

- host it for others
- resell it
- white-label it
- run it as a service
- use it for client bookkeeping

If my computer dies, do I lose everything?

Only if you don't make backups.

We recommend:

- Backing up the `db.sqlite3` file weekly minimum or after updating your finances.
- Storing a copy in a safe location

Your data = your responsibility (Local-First principle).

Can I move my data to a new computer?

Yes — just copy your SQLite database file to the new installation.

Why is this a one-time price instead of a subscription?

Because Local-First products should be:

- Owned / private / simple

This is **your software**, on **your device**, under **your control**.

Can I use this if I'm not UK-based?

Yes — the tool works globally.

But the terminology is UK-focused.

Is this suitable for VAT-registered businesses?

Yes — but you will need to submit VAT manually or via your accountant.

MTDify helps you keep general bookkeeping records, but it is not MTD-compatible for VAT submissions.

Will there be a mobile app?

No — Local-First design does not rely on mobile apps.

Is this built with AI?

No — the software is a standard Django application.

AI is used for documentation and writing support only.

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