ROI SYSTEMS · AETHER PRIVATE

Start here: set up your private AI

Aether Private runs an AI assistant on **your own computer**. Your conversations and documents are processed here and are not sent to us or any AI company. Setup takes about 10 minutes — most of it is downloading the AI model.

You need: a Windows 10/11, Mac (Apple Silicon recommended) or Linux computer · Chrome or Edge · 8 GB memory minimum (16 GB recommended) · 5–20 GB free disk space · internet for the one-time downloads.

1. Unzip and run the one-click setup

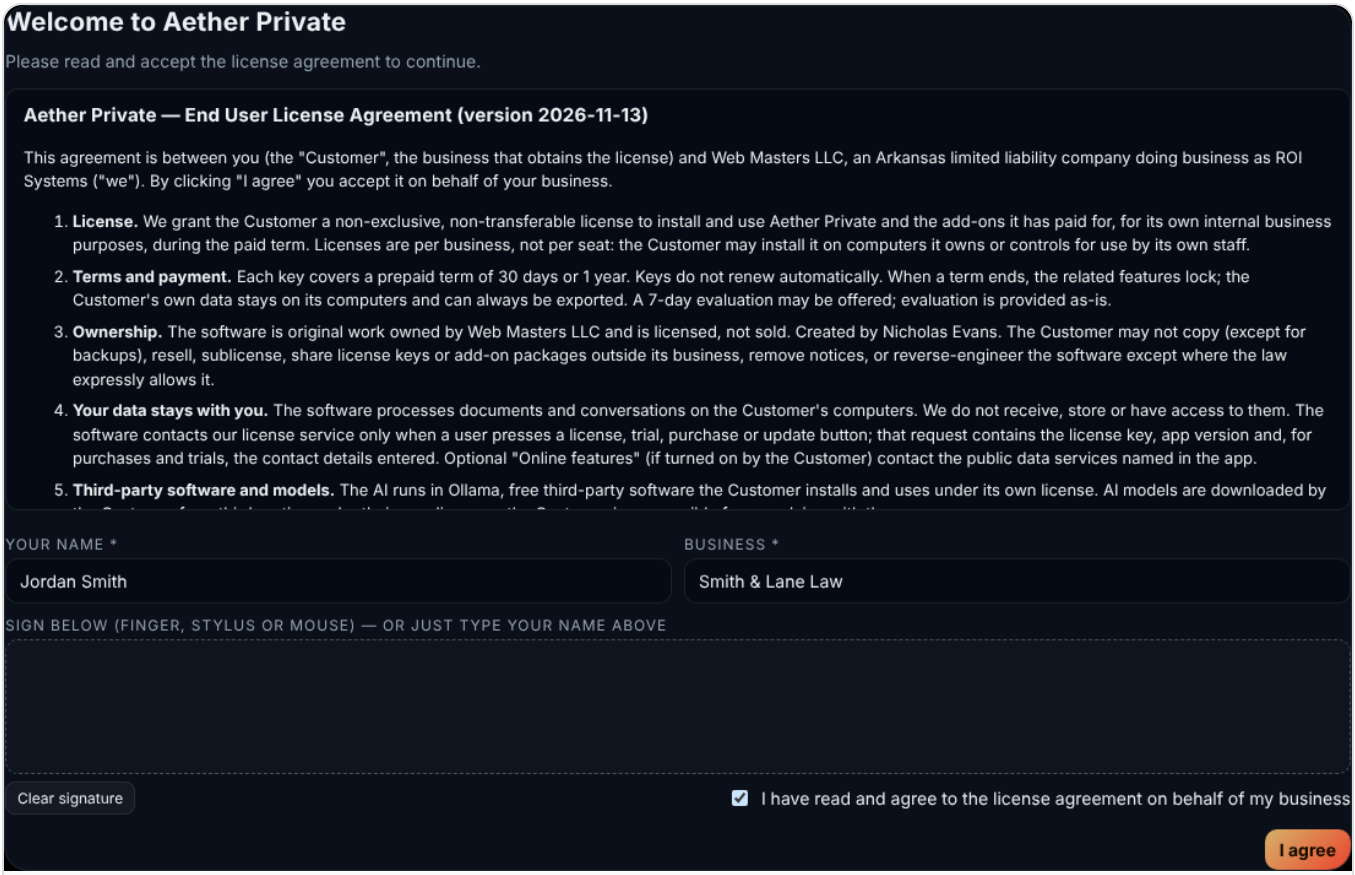
1. Unzip the download to a permanent place, e.g. `Documents\Aether Private`. Don't run it from inside the zip.
2. **Windows:** double-click `Windows - Aether-Private-Setup.cmd`. If Windows shows *"Windows protected your PC"*, click **More info → Run anyway** (the file is a plain script you can open in Notepad to read).
3. **Mac:** right-click `Mac - Aether-Private-Setup.command` → **Open** → **Open**. If macOS still blocks it: System Settings → Privacy & Security → **Open Anyway**.
4. **Linux:** in a terminal run `bash "Linux - aether-private-setup.sh"` (asks for your password once to install Ollama).

The setup installs **Ollama** (free software that runs AI models), lets Aether Private talk to it, downloads the recommended model and the small document-search model, and puts an **Aether Private** icon on your desktop.

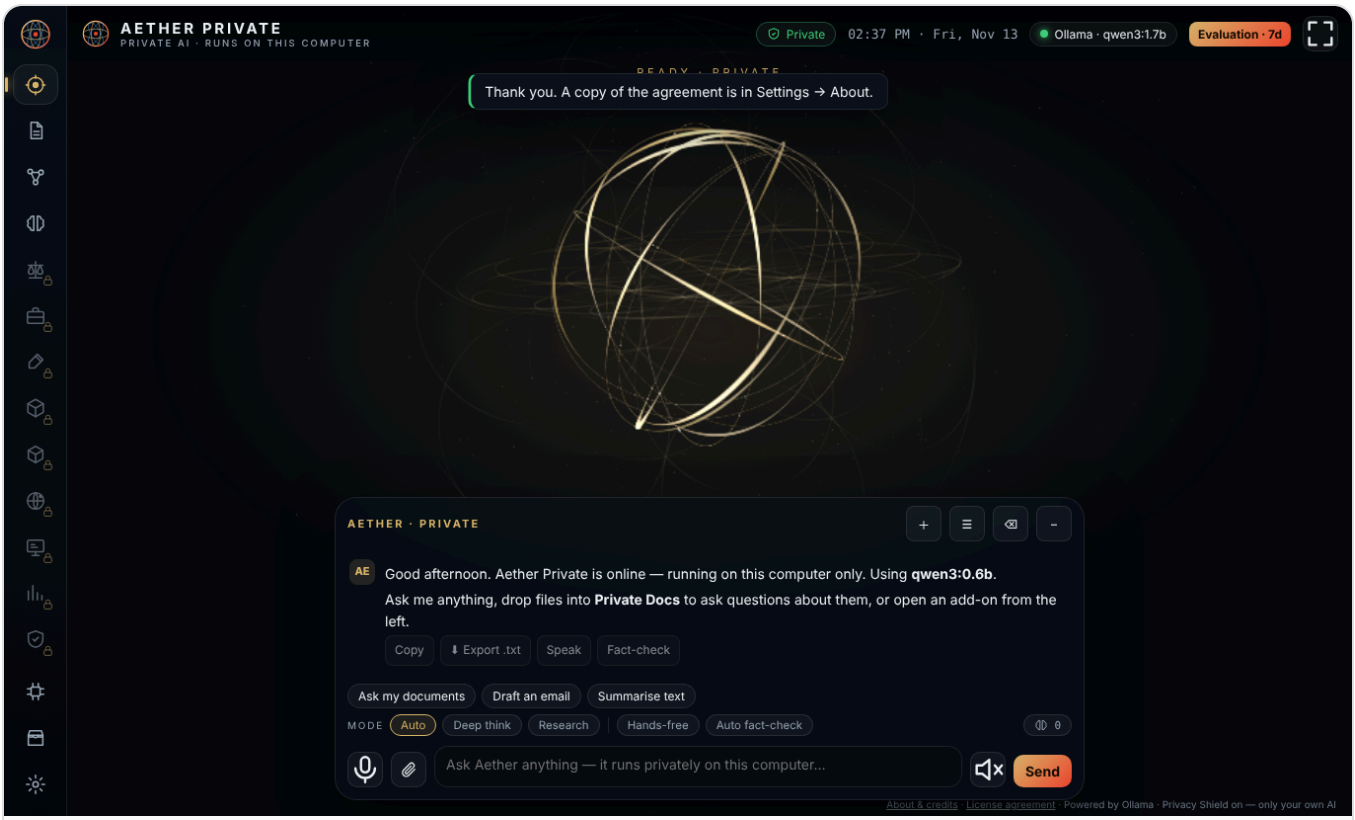
> The Windows and Mac setup set `OLLAMA_ORIGINS=*` so this app (opened from a file) may talk to Ollama on this computer. Modern Chrome and Edge also ask before any website can reach programs on your computer.

2. Open Aether Private and accept the license

Double-click the desktop icon. The first time, read the license agreement, type your name and business, sign (finger, stylus or mouse) and click **I agree**.



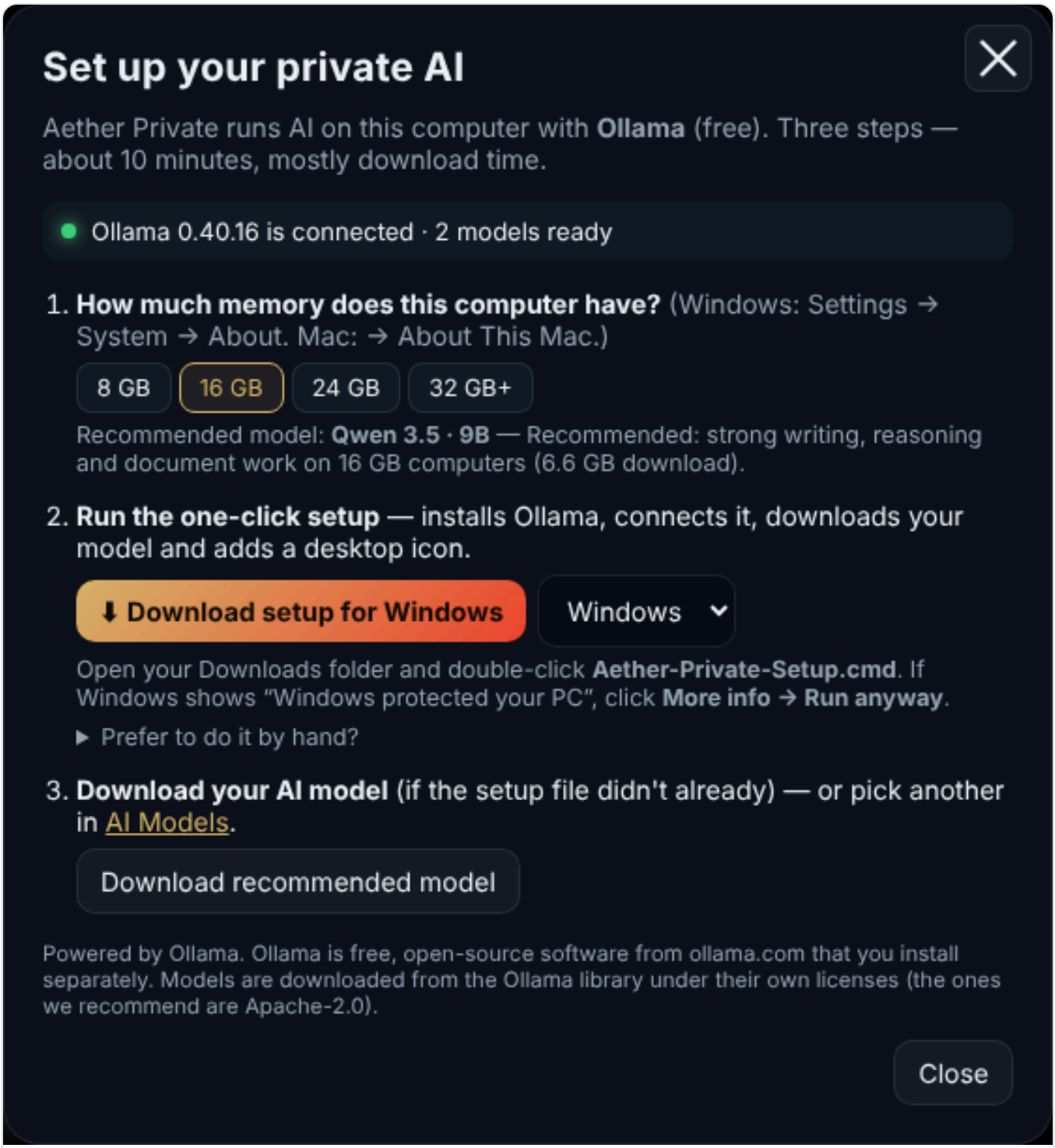
The license agreement appears once. A copy of your acceptance is kept in Settings → About.



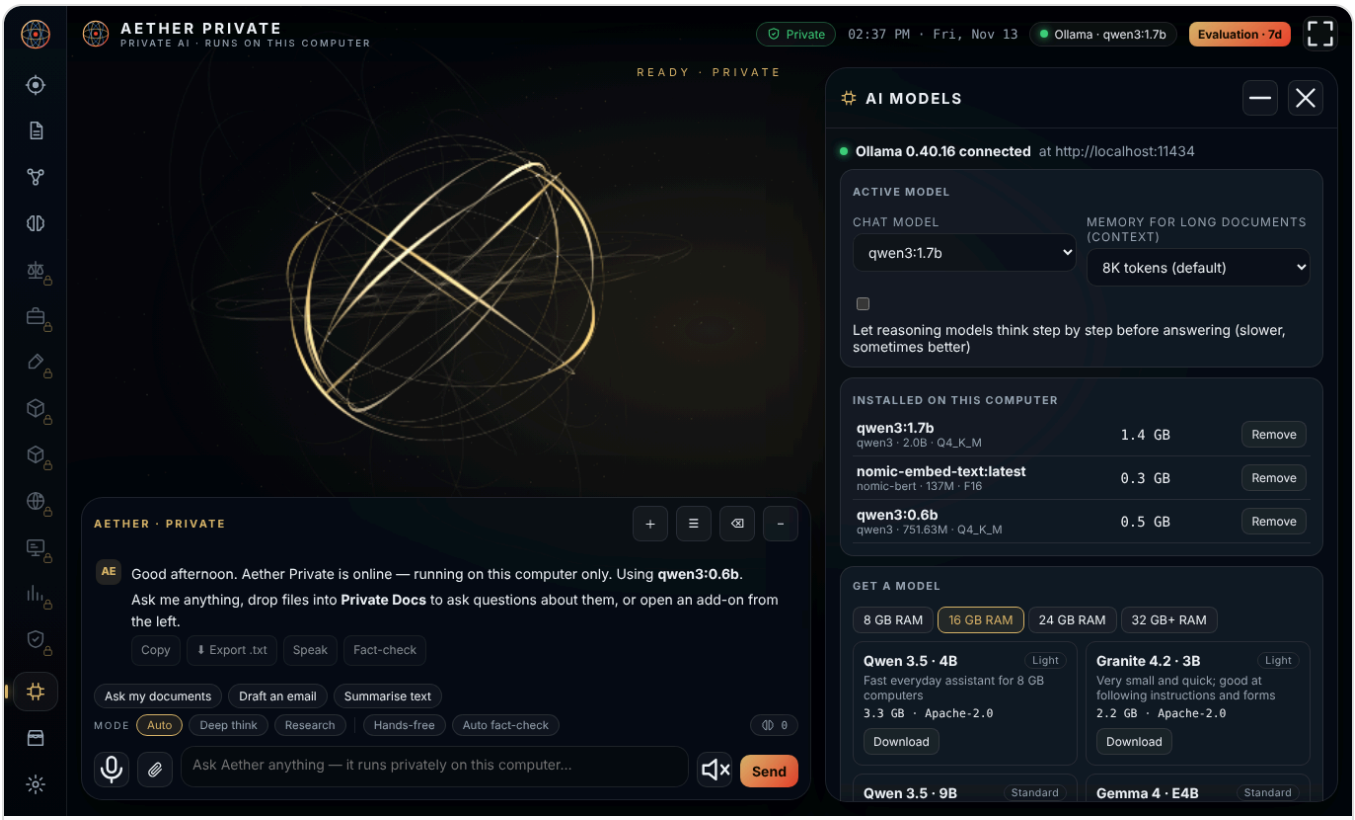
The main screen. The green “Private” badge means the Privacy Shield is on; the chip next to the clock shows which AI model is running.

3. If the AI isn't connected yet

Open **AI Models** (chip icon, bottom left) or the setup guide. It checks Ollama every few seconds and lets you download a model with one click — choose your computer's memory size and press Download.



The built-in setup guide: memory size, one-click setup file for your system, and one-click model download.

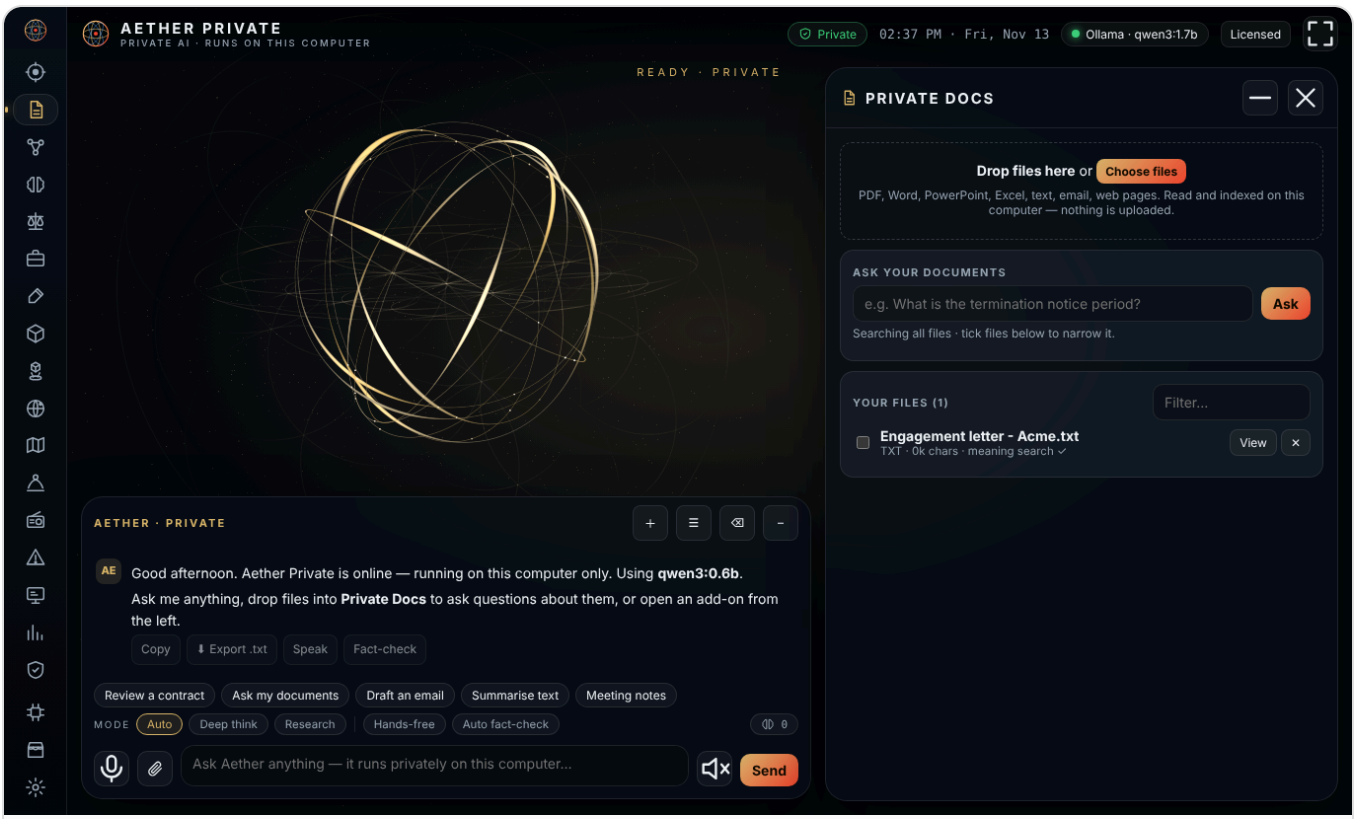


AI Models: see what is installed, switch models, download more, remove ones you don’t need.

Your computer	Recommended model	Download
8 GB memory	Qwen 3.5 · 4B (or Granite 4.2 · 3B)	2–3 GB
16 GB memory	Qwen 3.5 · 9B (recommended)	6.6 GB
24–32 GB or a 16 GB+ graphics card	gpt-oss 20B or Qwen 3.8 · 27B	14–18 GB

4. Ask questions about your files — Private Docs

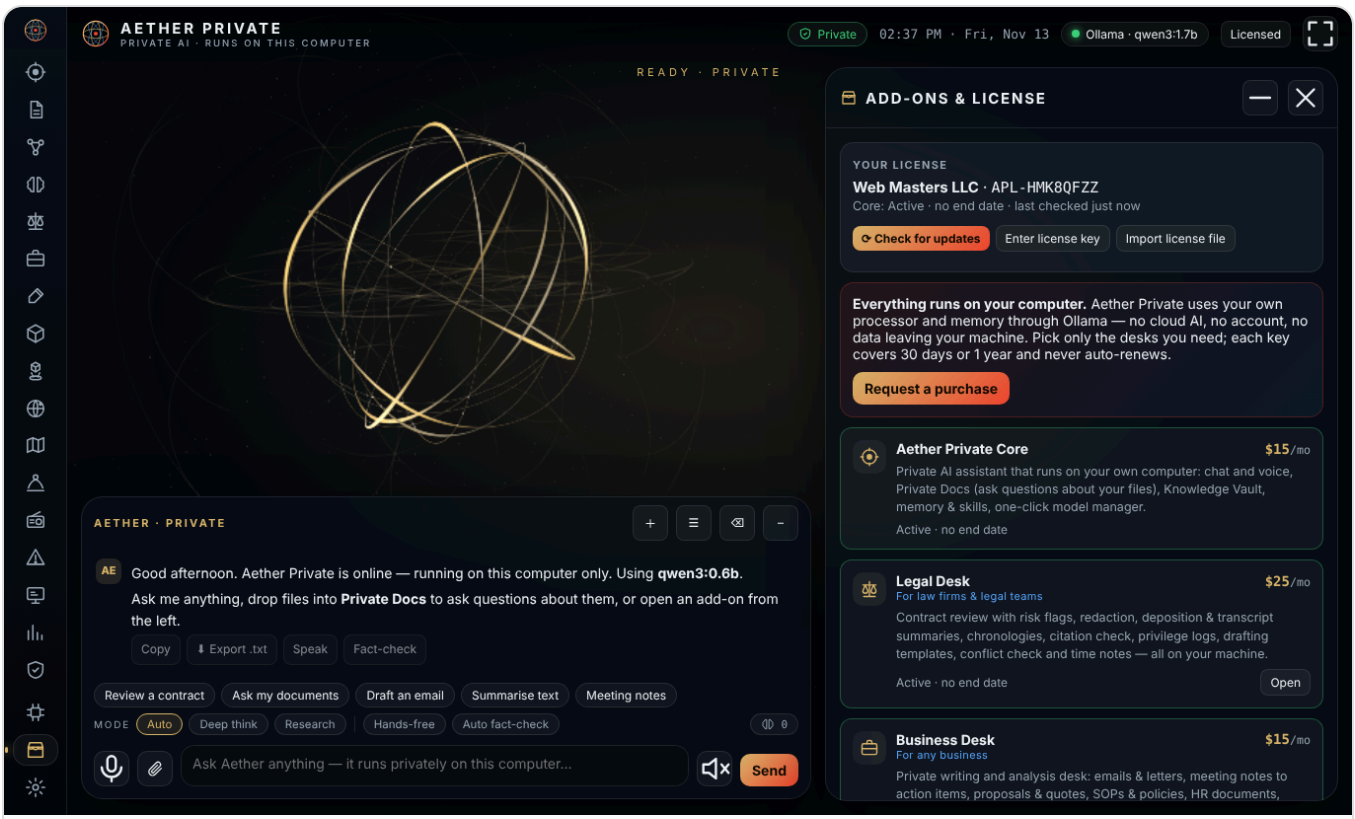
Drop PDFs, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, emails or text files into **Private Docs**. They are read and indexed on this computer. Ask a question and Aether answers with citations like *[contract.pdf p.3]*. Scanned PDFs need OCR ("searchable PDF") first.



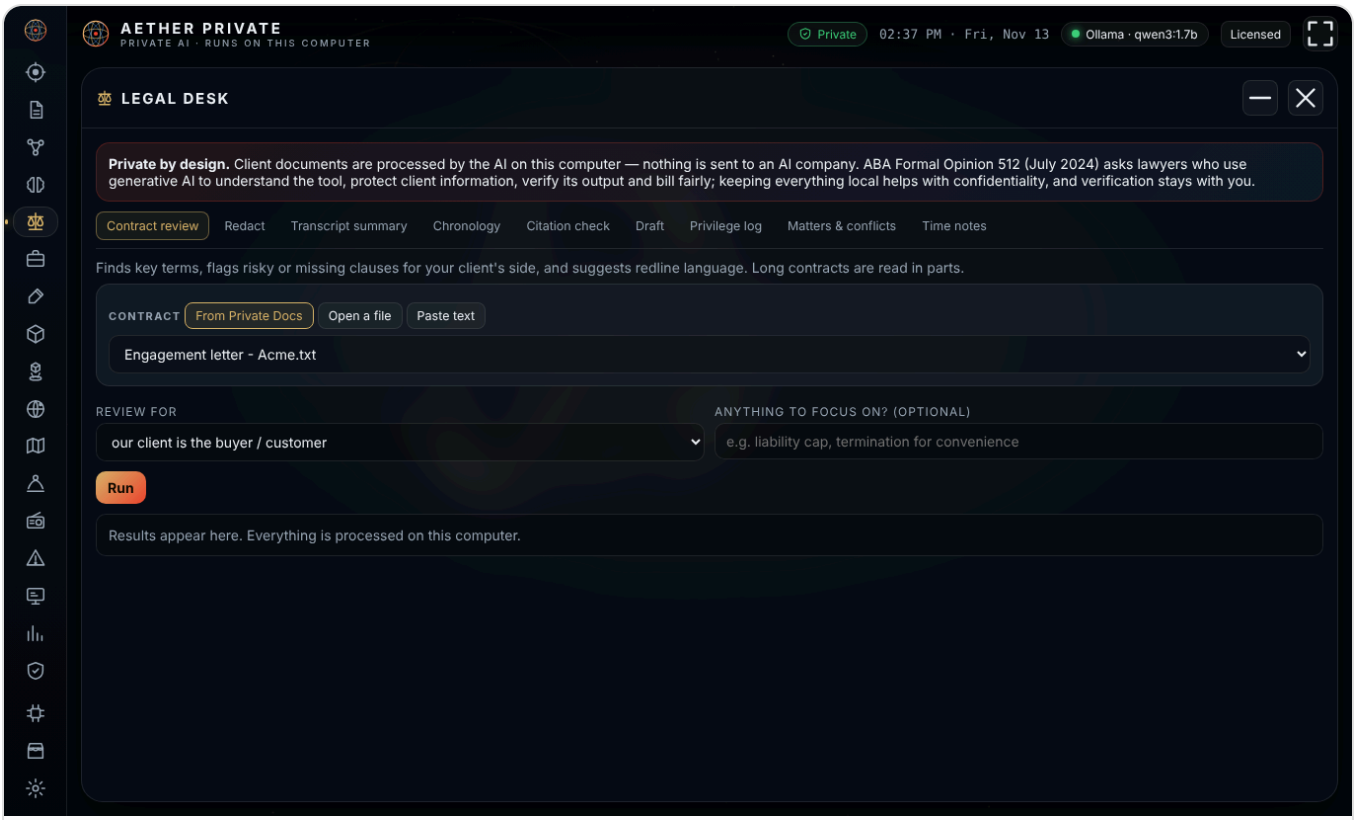
Private Docs: your files, searchable by meaning — never uploaded.

5. Add the desks you need

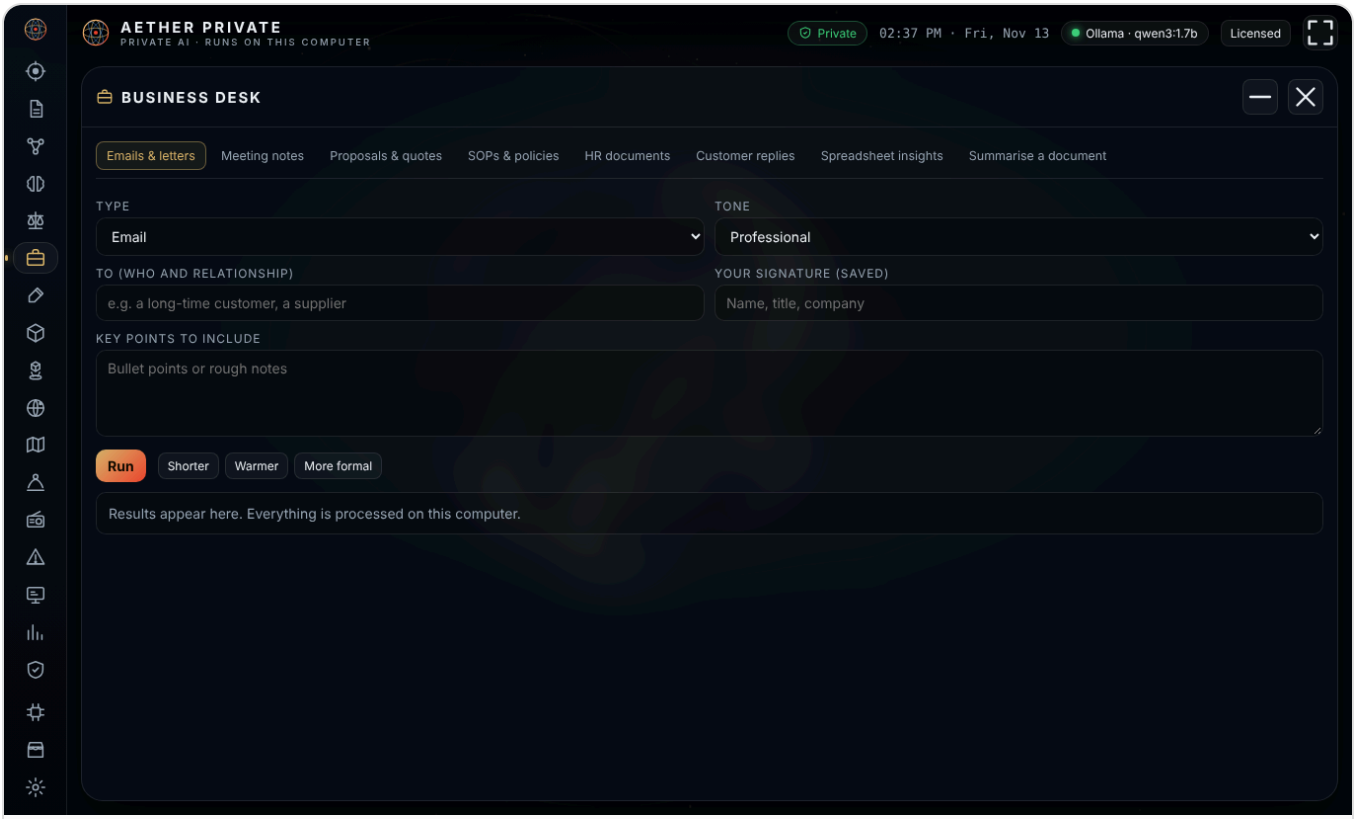
Add-ons & License shows your license, a free 7-day trial of every add-on, and **Request a purchase**. After payment, press **Check for updates** — your add-ons install automatically. Keys cover 30 days or 1 year and never renew automatically.



Add-ons & License: Core plus optional desks. Locked add-ons show a padlock in the left bar.



Legal Desk: contract review, redaction, transcript summaries, chronologies, citation check, drafting, privilege logs, conflicts and time notes.



Business Desk: emails, meeting notes, proposals, SOPs, HR documents, customer replies, spreadsheet insights.

6. Privacy Shield, backups and settings



Settings → Privacy Shield: Private (default), Air-gapped, or Online features on.

- **Back up weekly:** Settings → Data & Backup → **Back up everything**. Your data lives in this browser on this computer; clearing browser data erases it.
- **Office setup:** run Ollama on one strong computer and point every desk at it in Settings → Ollama address.
- **Voice:** the speaker button reads replies aloud with your computer's own voices; the microphone uses on-device speech recognition when your browser supports it.

Troubleshooting

You see	Do this
“Ollama is not running”	Open Ollama from the Start menu / Applications, or re-run the setup file. Ollama starts with your computer after setup.
“Ollama is running but not allowing this app”	Re-run the setup file, or quit Ollama, run `setx OLLAMA_ORIGINS "*"` (Windows) / `launchctl setenv OLLAMA_ORIGINS "*"` (Mac), and open Ollama again.
Answers are slow	Pick a smaller model in AI Models, or close other heavy programs. The first answer after starting loads the model and is slower.
A PDF shows “no readable text”	It is a scanned image. Use your scanner software’s OCR / “searchable PDF” option, then add it again.
An add-on shows a padlock after paying	Add-ons & License → **Check for updates** (needs internet once).

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