

Setup guide for Linux

This guide installs Secretbase on a Linux computer and puts your first website online.

What you need

- A Linux computer with a 64-bit Intel or AMD processor that can stay on. A desktop or a server both work.
- Your password for this computer (administrator rights).
- A free Tailscale account. Tailscale gives your apps their public address. Sign in with a personal Google, Apple or GitHub account: a work account starts a business trial.
- A folder with a website in it, for example one your AI tool built.

Install

- 1 On the download page, click **Copy** under Linux.
- 2 Paste it into a terminal and press Enter.
- 3 Type your password when it asks.
- 4 If it says "An older Secretbase preview is on this computer. Remove it and its apps first?", type **yes** and press Enter. The new version can't be installed next to the old preview.
- 5 Read the notice it shows, then type **yes** and press Enter. (If you'd rather decide later, press Enter: nothing goes online until you say yes, and Secretbase asks again the first time you publish.)

The installer then checks that apps can run safely on this computer. The first time, it downloads a few hundred MB. When everything worked, the last line is:

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Secretbase 0.3.0-preview.13 is installed. Open a new terminal and run: secretbase status
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If it ends with "Secretbase is installed, but Publishing is off", the safety check didn't pass on this computer. Run **secretbase status** to see why, and send us what it says.

Check that it works

- 6 Open a new terminal.
- 7 Run **secretbase status**. It shows Secretbase's version and whether publishing is on.

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$ secretbase status
Secretbase 0.3.0-preview.12: 0 project(s)
front door tailscale: ready
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Put your first website online

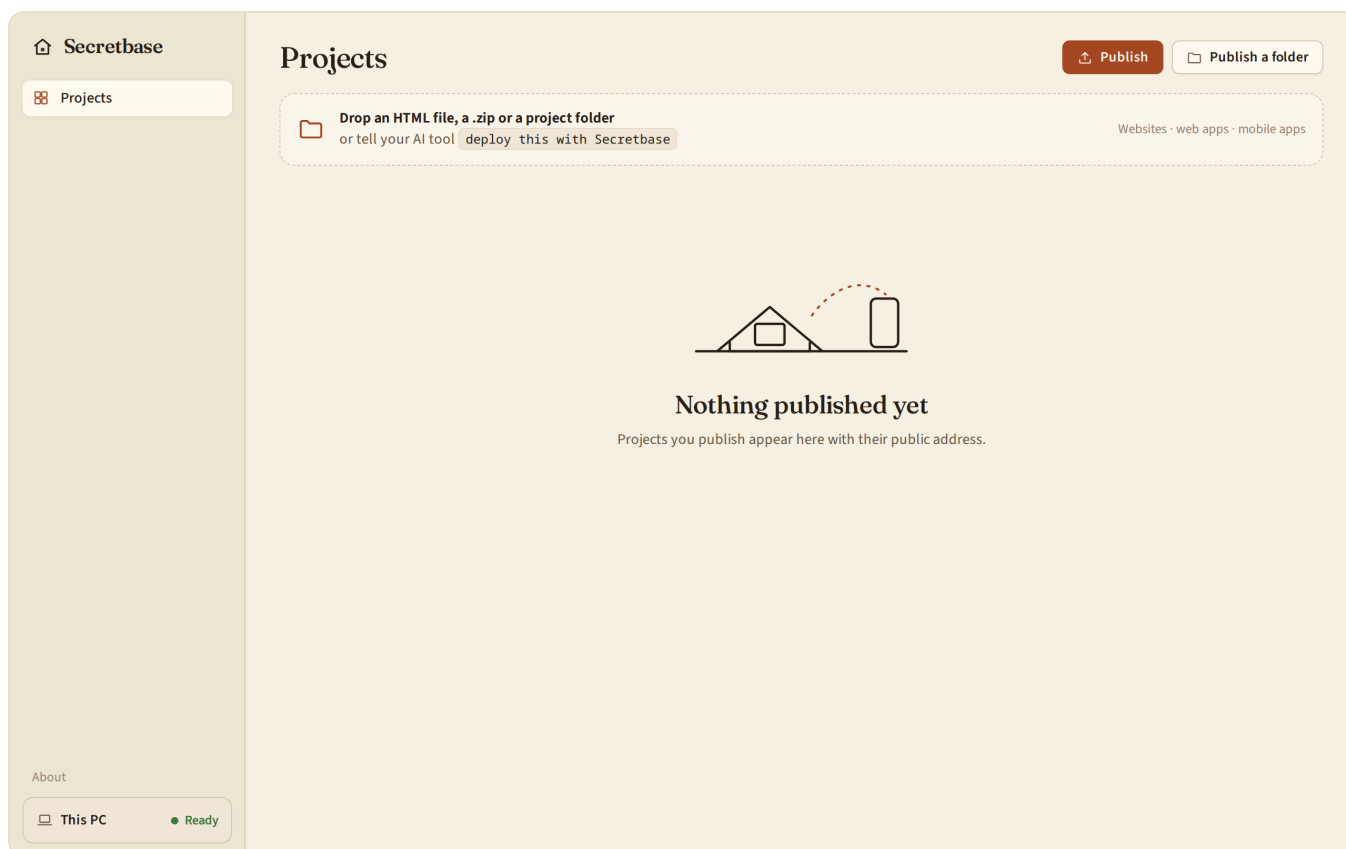
- 8 Go to your website's folder, for example **cd ~/my-site**.

- 9 Run `secretbase publish` .
- 10 The first time, your browser opens a Tailscale page. If it doesn't, open the link after "Continue in your browser". Sign in with your personal account.
- 11 If Tailscale asks to allow secure addresses or public sharing, click **Allow**.

When your app is online, the terminal shows "Live at" and your app's public address (yours will be different).

Open the dashboard

- 12 Run `secretbase open` , or open **Secretbase** from your apps menu. The dashboard opens in your browser.



The dashboard before your first publish. Your projects appear here, each with its public address.

- 13 Click your project. Scan the code under **Open on your phone** to open your app there.
- To keep an app private, run `secretbase password on` in its folder. To take it offline, click **Take offline** on its page.

Remove Secretbase

- 14 Run `sudo /opt/secretbase/uninstall.sh` (it asks for your password). It keeps your apps' data.
- 15 To delete that too, run `sudo /opt/secretbase/uninstall.sh --purge` instead.

Download it yourself (optional)

The one-line command downloads Secretbase from this site and checks it for you. If you prefer to do it by hand:

- 16 Download `secretbase-0.3.0-preview.13-linux-amd64.tar.gz` and `secretbase-0.3.0-preview.13-linux-amd64.tar.gz.sha256` from `https://secretbase-bf70e4.tail94c4db.ts.net/download/`.
- 17 In the folder you saved them in, run `sha256sum -c secretbase-0.3.0-preview.13-linux-amd64.tar.gz.sha256`. It must say "OK": that means the file is exactly the one we published.
- 18 Run `tar xzf secretbase-0.3.0-preview.13-linux-amd64.tar.gz` and then `sudo ./secretbase/install.sh`.

If something goes wrong

Send us the step number in this guide, the exact message you saw, and what `secretbase status` shows.