🛠 How to Install Python and Streamlit (One-Time Setup)

This dashboard runs via [Streamlit](#) — a free tool that turns your data script into a live web-style app.

If you've never used Python before, follow these steps:

✅ Step 1: Install Python (Windows or Mac)

1. Visit the official site: https://www.python.org/downloads/

2. Download the latest version for your system

3. During installation, **check the box that says "Add Python to PATH"**

    o   This allows you to run Python from the command line

4. Click "Install" and follow setup steps — takes ~2 minutes

✅ Step 2: Install Streamlit

Once Python is installed:

1. Open **Command Prompt** (Windows) or **Terminal** (Mac)

2. Type the following command:

pip install streamlit

3. Press Enter — this installs Streamlit automatically

You'll only need to do this once.

✅ Step 3: Run the Dashboard

1. Navigate to the folder that contains ai_budget_tracker.py
    Example:

cd "C:\Users\YourName\Downloads\AI_Budget_Tracker"

2. Run the app:

streamlit run ai_budget_tracker.py

3. Your browser will open with the dashboard — you're in!

🛡 Support Note

This product is designed for users comfortable with basic Python setup.
Technical installation support is not provided. If you're new to Python, please follow the steps carefully or consult third-party tutorials if you encounter issues.