

FaceForge User Guide

Quick Start (Windows)

1. **Download and Install:** Run the `FaceForge_Setup_x64.exe` installer.

2. **First Run:**

- Launch FaceForge from the Start Menu or Desktop shortcut.
- You will see the **System Settings** screen.
- **Data Directory:** Choose a folder where FaceForge will store your database and files (defaults to `C:\FaceForge`).
- **S3 Storage:** Confirm storage settings (enabled by default).
- **Save:** Click "Save Configuration". The services will start automatically.

3. **Open UI:**

- Click the **Open UI** button in the FaceForge Desktop window.
- Alternatively, right-click the system tray icon (FaceForge logo) and select **Open UI**.
- The main interface will open in your default browser.

The Desktop Application

The FaceForge Desktop window acts as the command center:

- **Status:** View connection details and service health.
- **Logs:** Check internal logs if issues arise.
- **Start / Stop / Restart:** Manually control the background services.
- **Open UI:** Launch the web interface.

Note: Closing the Desktop window minimizes it to the system tray. To fully quit, right-click the tray icon and select Exit.

Features

- **Entities:** Create person entries, add tags and custom fields.
- **Assets:** Drag and drop images/videos. Metadata is automatically extracted.
- **Search:** Find assets by tag, date, or EXIF data.

Troubleshooting

- **Logs:** Click the **Logs** button in the Desktop app, or check the `logs` folder inside your Data Directory.
- **Restart Services:** Use the **Restart** button in the Desktop app if the services become unresponsive.