

Installing LaBB-CAT on Windows


LaBB-CAT is a web-browser based application, and is primarily designed to run on a central web server accessible over the internet, so that multiple collaborators can easily work on the same corpus data from different locations.

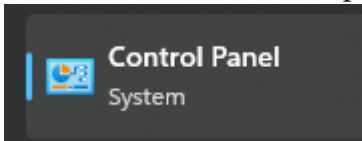
However, it is possible to have a ‘private’ installation of LaBB-CAT which runs directly on your personal computer. These instructions explain how to achieve that.

On Windows, before you can install LaBB-CAT, you first must have Java installed.

1. Check Java

Use the following steps to check whether you already have Java installed.

1. Press the  Start menu button.
2. Type Control Panel
3. Select the *Control Panel* option that appears.



4. Type Java

If a *Java* icon appears as shown in Figure 1, then you already have Java, and can skip section 2.

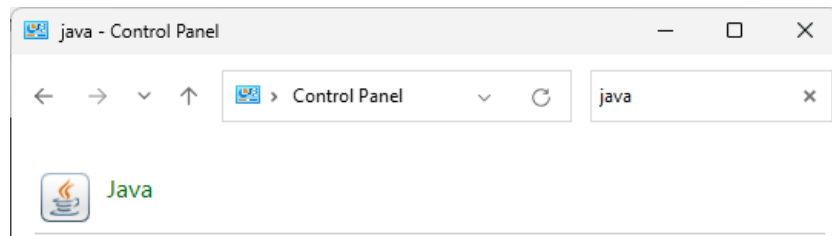


Figure 1: Java in the Control Panel

If there's no *Java* icon in the Control Panel, follow the steps in the next section to install it.

2. Install Java

1. Open the Java website in your browser:
<https://www.java.com/>
2. Press the *Download Java* button.
3. Press the *Download Java* button on the next page and save the resulting installer file.
4. Click the installer to run it.

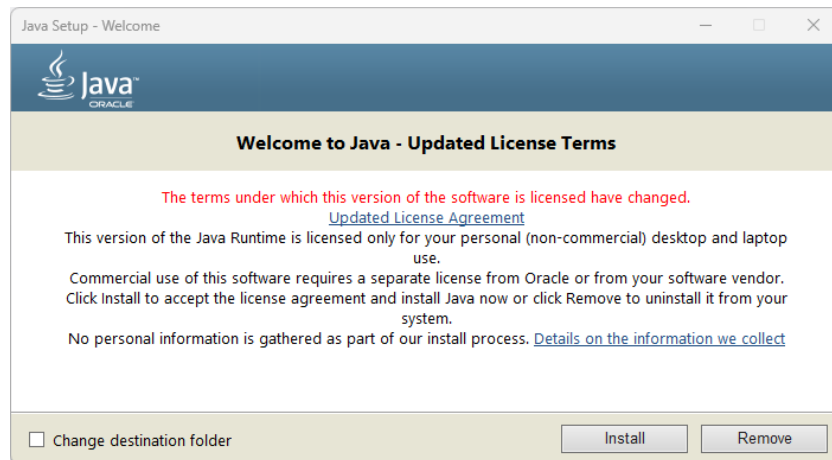


Figure 2: The Java installer

5. Press *Install*.

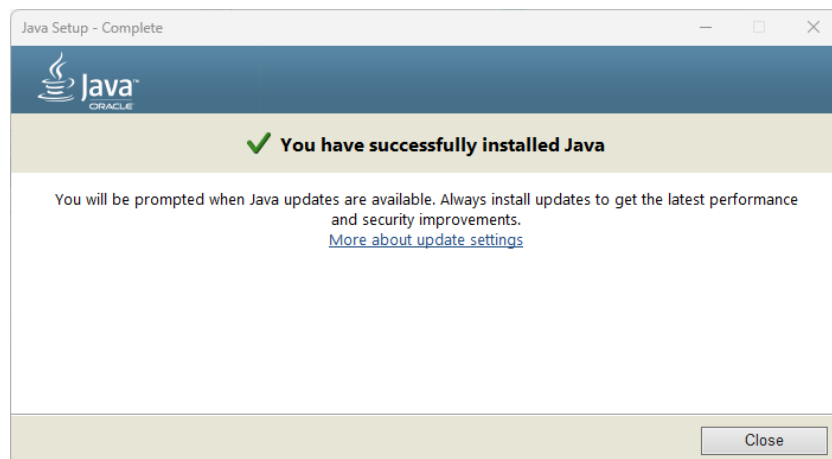


Figure 3: Java installation is complete

6. Press *Close*.

3. Install LaBB-CAT

Once Java is installed, you can install LaBB-CAT:

- (1) Open the following page in your web browser:
<https://sourceforge.net/projects/labbcats/files/install/>
This page has all versions of the LaBB-CAT installer, both for personal computer installations and also for web-server installations. The files are listed most recent first.
- (2) Download the first file named *install-labbcats_yyyymmdd.jar* (where *yyymmdd* are numbers).
- (3) Double-click on the file you just downloaded to open it.

You should see the LaBB-CAT installer program (Figure 4).

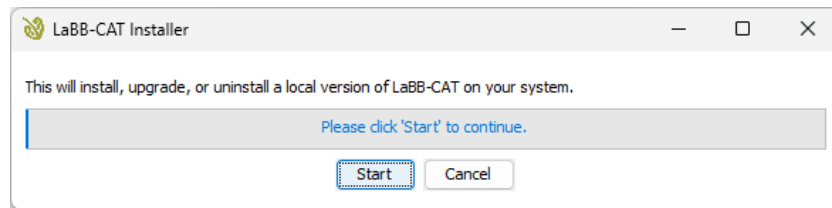


Figure 4: LaBB-CAT Installer

- (4) Press *Start*.

You should see a progress bar while components are installed and files are copied.

Once the installation is finished, the progress bar will be all blue, and there will be a button labelled *Finished* (Figure 5).

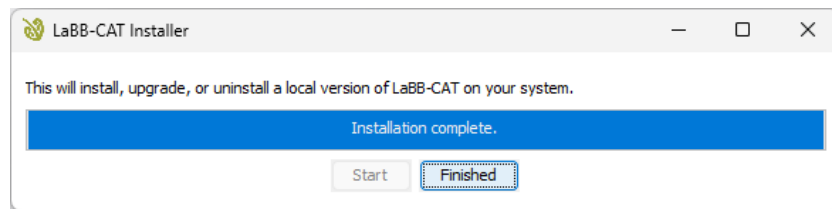


Figure 5: Installer finished

- (5) Press *Finished*.

The LaBB-CAT Server application will appear, as shown in Figure 6.

Then your default web browser will open on your LaBB-CAT home page, as shown in Figure 7.

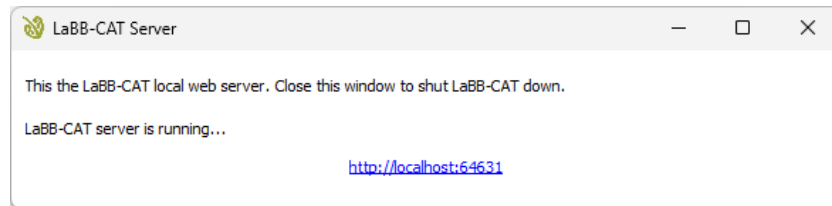


Figure 6: LaBB-CAT Server

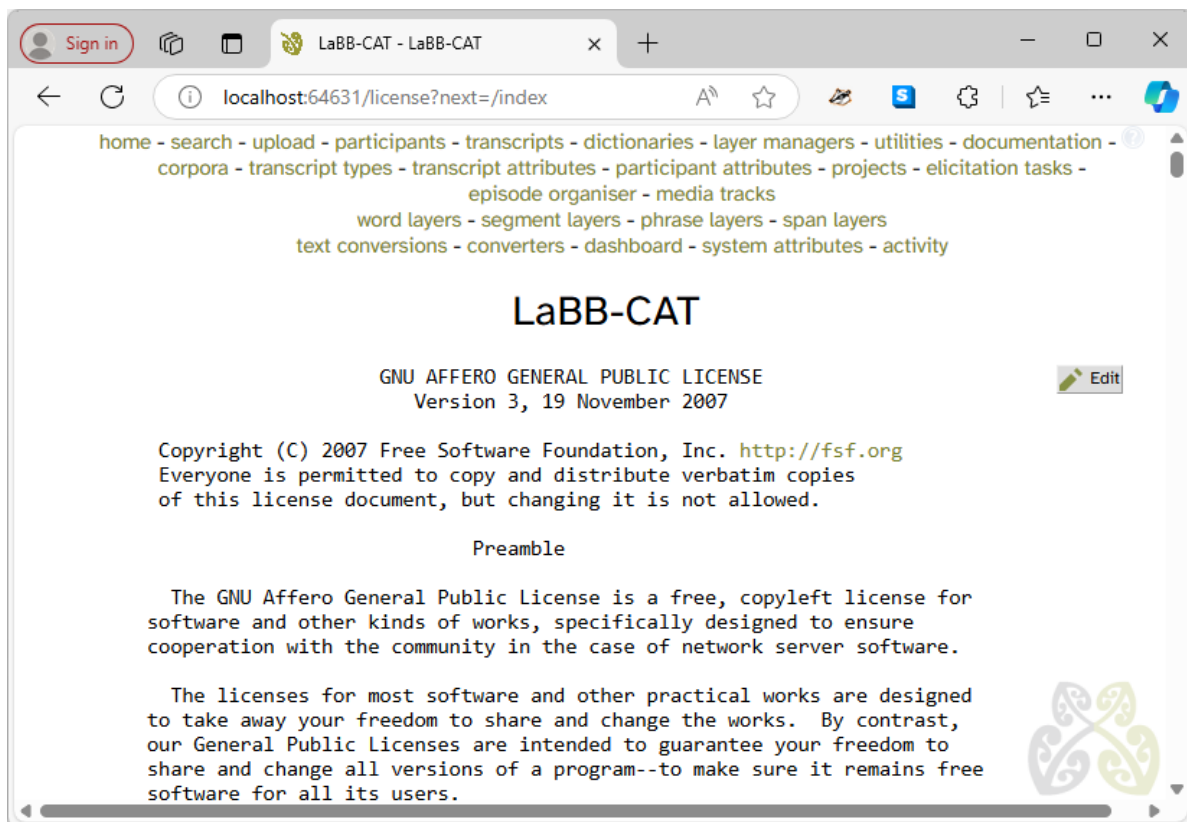


Figure 7: LaBB-CAT is successfully installed and running

(6) If you are shown the LaBB-CAT Licence page, scroll to the bottom and press *I Agree*.

As seen in Figure 8, in your Start Menu, you will see that there is a LaBB-CAT app that can be used to start and access LaBB-CAT from now on.

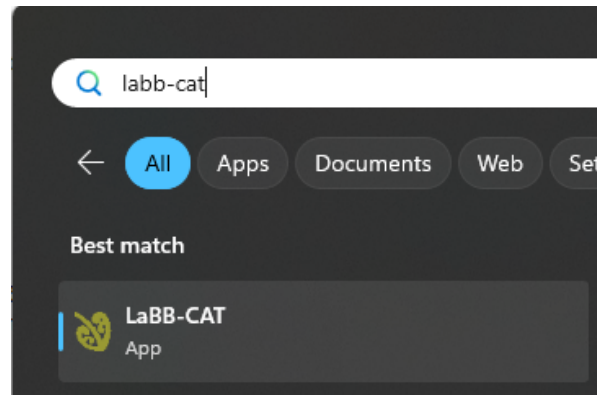


Figure 8: Use Start/LaBB-CAT to open LaBB-CAT

This starts the LaBB-CAT Server app (Figure 6), which must be running when you're using LaBB-CAT. It can be closed once you've finished working with LaBB-CAT.

Uninstalling LaBB-CAT

In future you may want to uninstall LaBB-CAT, in which case you can use the same installer you used to install it.

If you run *install-labbcats_yyyymmdd.jar* and LaBB-CAT is already installed, after pressing *Start* it will offer further options.

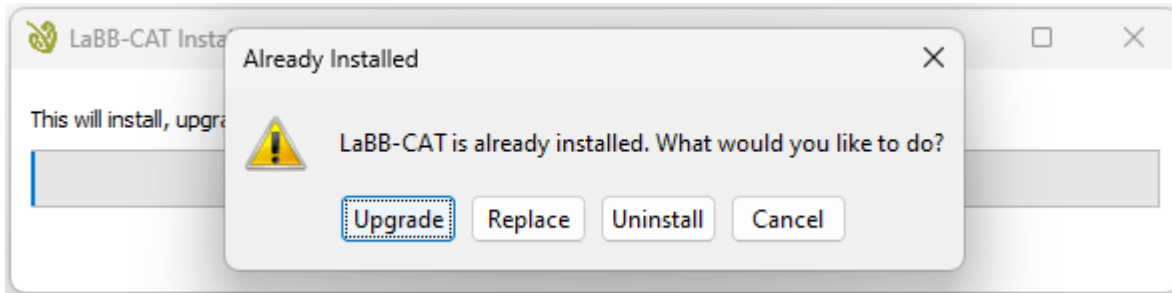


Figure 9: Running *install-labbcats_yyyymmdd.jar* when LaBB-CAT is already installed

The options are:

- **Upgrade** – Install this version of LaBB-CAT, keeping all your corpus data intact.
- **Replace** – Install LaBB-CAT afresh, deleting all your existing corpus data and leaving you with an empty LaBB-CAT installation.
- **Uninstall** – Remove LaBB-CAT from your personal computer.
- **Cancel** – Close the installer without taking any action.