

# Employee Time Tracker User Guide

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## Getting Started

### Accessing the Time Tracker

1. Open your web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari recommended)
2. Navigate to the Time Tracker URL provided by your administrator
3. You'll automatically be in Employee Mode (the default view)

### System Requirements

- Modern web browser with JavaScript enabled
  - Internet connection (for external logo display if configured)
  - Screen resolution of 1024x768 or higher recommended
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## Setting Up Your Profile

### Entering Your Name

1. In the header section, locate the "**Employee Name**" field

2. Enter your full name as it should appear on timesheets
3. Your name will be saved automatically and remembered for future sessions

## Setting Your Daily Target

1. Find the "**Daily Target (hours)**" field in the header
2. Enter your standard work hours per day (default is 8 hours)
3. This helps track your daily progress

## Selecting a Pay Period

1. Click the "**Pay Period**" dropdown
  2. Select the current pay period or the period you want to track
  3. The system will display:
    - Period date range
    - Timesheet due date
    - Pay day
    - Days remaining
    - Holidays in the period
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## Using the Timer

### Starting the Timer

1. Ensure your name is entered first
2. Select a **Category** from the dropdown:
  - Work (default)
  - Overhead
  - Travel
  - PTO
  - Sick
  - Holiday
  - Bereavement
  - Jury Duty
3. Enter a **Project name** (optional but recommended)

4. Click the green **"Start"** button
5. The timer will begin counting up

## Stopping the Timer

1. Click the red **"Stop"** button
2. Your time entry will be automatically saved
3. The duration will be rounded to the nearest half hour

## Today's Progress Tracker

- Shows hours completed today vs. your daily target
  - Visual progress bar indicates completion percentage
  - Updates in real-time while timer is running
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## Managing Time Entries

### Viewing Your Entries

- **Detailed View:** Shows all individual time entries with full details
- **Daily Summary:** Groups entries by date with total hours

### Editing an Entry

1. Find the entry in the time entries table
2. Click the **"Edit"** button
3. Modify any field:
  - Date
  - Category
  - Project
  - Start/End times
  - Duration
  - Description
4. Click **"Save"** to confirm changes
5. Click **"Cancel"** to discard changes

## Deleting an Entry

1. Click the "**Delete**" button next to the entry
2. Confirm the deletion when prompted
3. **Note:** Deletions cannot be undone

## Adding Manual Entries

Currently, manual entries must be added by:

1. Starting and stopping the timer, then editing the entry
  2. Or importing entries via CSV
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## Pay Periods and Holidays

### Understanding Pay Period Information

The system displays:

- **Period Range:** Start and end dates
- **Timesheet Due:** Deadline for submission
- **Pay Day:** When payment will be processed
- **Days Remaining:** Countdown to timesheet due date

### Adding Holidays to Your Timesheet

1. Select the appropriate pay period
2. If holidays exist in the period, click "**Select Holidays**"
3. Check the holidays you took
4. Click "**Save Selected Holidays**"
5. Each holiday adds an 8-hour entry automatically

### Period Statistics

The dashboard shows:

- **Period Hours:** Total hours logged in the period
- **Total Period Days:** Number of days in the period
- **Days Worked:** Number of unique days with entries

- **Days Elapsed:** Days passed since period start
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## Exporting Your Data

### Export to CSV

1. Click the "**Export CSV**" button above the entries table
2. Your browser will download a CSV file containing:
  - All your entries for the selected period
  - Formatted for easy import to other systems
3. File naming: `timesheet_[YourName]_[Date].csv`

### Import from CSV

1. Click the "**Import CSV**" button
2. Select a properly formatted CSV file
3. Required CSV columns:
  - Employee, Date, Category, Project, Start Time, End Time, Duration, Description

### Clear All Data

1. Click "**Clear All**" button (use with caution!)
  2. Confirm the action
  3. All your time entries will be permanently deleted
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## Troubleshooting

### Common Issues and Solutions

#### Timer won't start

- Ensure you've entered your name first
- Check that JavaScript is enabled in your browser

#### Entries not saving

- Check browser's local storage isn't full
- Try refreshing the page
- Ensure cookies are enabled

## **Can't edit/delete entries**

- Your administrator may have disabled these features
- Contact your admin if you need these permissions

## **Pay period not showing**

- Select a pay period from the dropdown
- If none available, contact your administrator

## **Holidays not appearing**

- Ensure you've selected a pay period first
- Holidays must be configured by your administrator

## **Data Storage**

- All data is stored locally in your browser
- Clearing browser data will delete your entries
- Regular exports are recommended for backup

## **Browser Compatibility**

Best experience on:

- Chrome 90+
- Firefox 88+
- Edge 90+
- Safari 14+

## **Getting Help**

If you encounter issues not covered here:

1. Try refreshing the page
2. Clear browser cache and try again
3. Contact your system administrator
4. Provide details about the issue and any error messages

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## **Tips for Effective Time Tracking**

1. **Log time daily:** Don't wait until period end
  2. **Use descriptive project names:** Helps with reporting
  3. **Select appropriate categories:** Ensures accurate classification
  4. **Export regularly:** Create backups of your data
  5. **Review before submission:** Check entries for accuracy
  6. **Set realistic daily targets:** Adjust based on your schedule
  7. **Use the timer:** More accurate than manual entry
  8. **Add descriptions:** Helpful for future reference
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## Privacy and Security

- Your time entries are stored locally on your device
  - No data is sent to external servers
  - Only you can see your entries in Employee Mode
  - Administrators can view consolidated data in Admin Mode
  - Regular backups via export are your responsibility
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