



Client Host Quick Connect Guide

Connecting a Client laptop to your RDT Accounting System Server
RDT Accounting System · Client role

This is a short guide for setting up a Client laptop — a computer that connects to an already-running RDT Accounting System Server, but doesn't hold any data itself. If you're setting up the Server machine instead (the one that hosts the database), see the Server Installation Guide. You should be done in under two minutes.

Before you start

You need one thing from whoever set up the Server computer: the Server's network address, e.g. <http://192.168.1.10:4000> (they can find it on their own License page or by running `ipconfig`).

Steps

- 1 Copy the same installer used on the Server to this laptop, and run it (same install wizard, accept the defaults).
- 2 Launch the app. On first run you'll see a one-screen role picker.
- 3 Click "Is this a Client host laptop that will connect to an existing RDT Server?"
- 4 Two fields appear: **Server address** — type the Server's network address, e.g. 192.168.1.10:4000 (if you type `https://` by mistake, don't worry — the app automatically corrects it to `http://`, since a LAN install never uses TLS). **Company Domain** — type your company's website domain, e.g. `acme.com`. This is what makes the domain-recognition check below work, and it's also what the app shows in the window title so you can always tell which company/server you're connected to.
- 5 Click Continue.

What happens next — the domain check

When you click Continue, the app briefly shows "Checking server..." while it does a quick, non-blocking sanity check: it asks the Server what domain it's registered to, and compares that to what you typed.

- If they match (or the Server can't be reached to check) — you're taken straight through, no interruption.
- If they don't match, a warning dialog appears: "Domain doesn't match — This server is registered to [Company Name] ([domain]), but you entered [what you typed] — continue anyway?" This is just a sanity check, not a security gate — real access control is still entirely handled by your login (email/password). **Back** returns you to fix the domain or server address; **Continue** proceeds anyway.

Always know which company you're connected to

Once connected, the app window's title bar always shows your company domain appended to the title, e.g. "RDT Accounting System — `acme.com`". This stays visible for as long as the window is open, so at a glance

you can always confirm which company/server this particular window is talking to.

You'll land on the Sign In screen (not setup — only the Server ever runs the setup wizard). Log in with the email and password your Finance & Accounting Manager created for you on the Users page. There's no separate account setup on this laptop — all accounts are managed centrally on the Server. That's it — you're connected.

Changing servers later

If you ever need to point this laptop at a different server (or fix a typo), use RDT Accounting System → Change server connection... from the app's menu bar. This resets this laptop's saved connection and brings back the role-picker screen from step 2.

Simpler alternative — no install needed

Since the Server machine also serves the web app directly, any laptop on the same network can skip installing anything at all and just open the Server's address (e.g. <http://192.168.1.10:4000>) in Edge or Chrome. The Client-role installer is only a convenience wrapper — a branded window, a taskbar icon, no address bar, and the domain-recognition/title-bar features above — but functionally it's identical either way. If telling servers apart at a glance matters to you, the installed Client app is the better choice.

If you can't connect

If the app can't reach the address you entered, it shows a plain-language error page (not a blank window) explaining the most likely causes: the Server app isn't open right now, the address is wrong, this laptop isn't on the same network, or a firewall on the Server is blocking it. Still stuck? Contact support@realdatatech.ae.