Label Station
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Install guide for testers

Windows, with Google Chrome. Version 1.1.1, test build. About 10 minutes.

Label Station prints a label on your own label printer for every item that sells in your Whatnot live show. It has two parts that work together on your computer:

- **The Label Station app**, which looks after your printer and keeps the list of what sold.
- **The Label Station Chrome extension**, which reads your own sales from your seller dashboard tab and passes them to the app. It only reads. It never clicks, bids or changes anything on Whatnot.

Nothing leaves your computer. No account, no sign-in, no tracking.

What you were sent

One zip file, **Label-Station-1.1.1-test.zip**. Inside it is a folder with three things:

Item	What it is
`Label-Station-Setup-1.1.1-test.exe`	The installer for the app.
`extension` folder	The Chrome extension. You point Chrome at this folder in Part 4.
`Label Station - Install guide.pdf`	This guide.

This is a test build. It is not signed yet, so Windows may show a warning when you install it, and a few PCs refuse to run it. Part 2 tells you exactly what to click and what to do if yours refuses. It never checks for updates. When there is a newer build, it reaches you the same way this one did.

What you need before you start

- A Windows 10 or 11 PC. (A Mac build comes later.)
- **Google Chrome**, the browser you run your Whatnot shows in.
- Your label printer, already installed in Windows and able to print from another program.
- About 10 minutes, before a show rather than during one.

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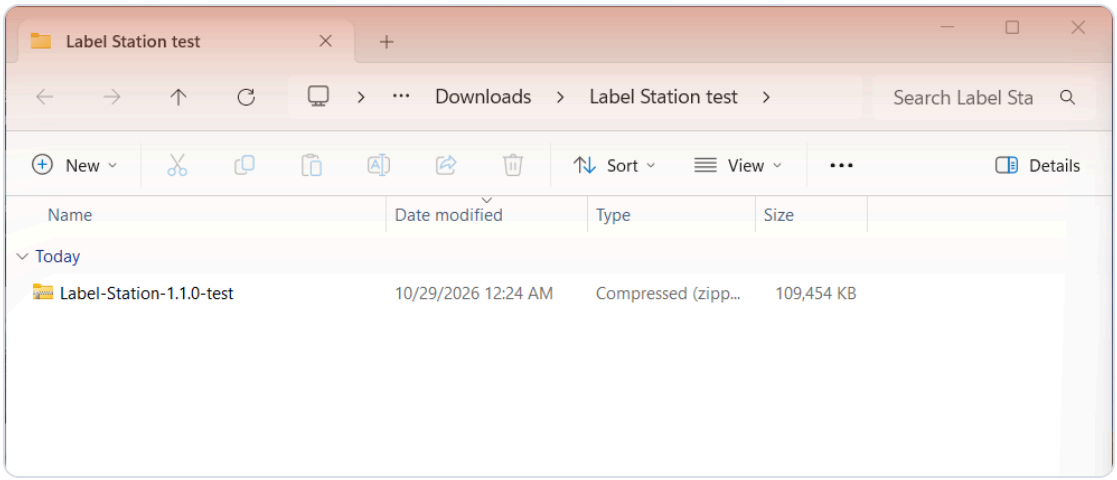
8 Uninstalling

Part 1. Unzip the kit

A zip is a folder that has been squeezed into one file so it can be sent. Windows cannot run the installer from inside it, so the first job is to take the folder out.

Some pictures in this guide were taken with build 1.1.0, so where a picture shows 1.1.0, your files will say 1.1.1 instead.

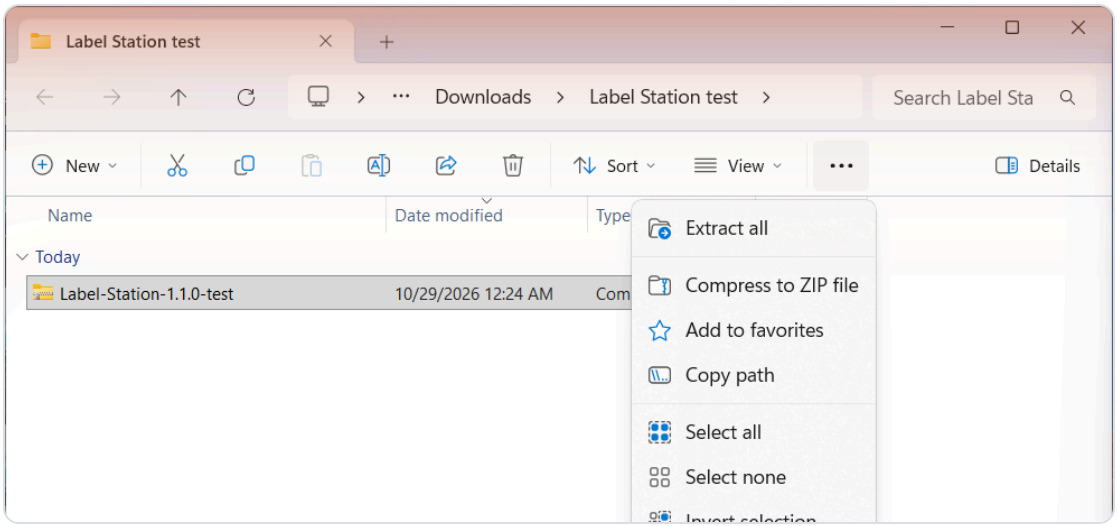
1 Open **File Explorer** (the folder icon on the taskbar) and go to your **Downloads** folder. You will see **Label-Station-1.1.1-test** with a zipper on its icon.



The downloaded zip in File Explorer. Its type reads Compressed (zipped) Folder.

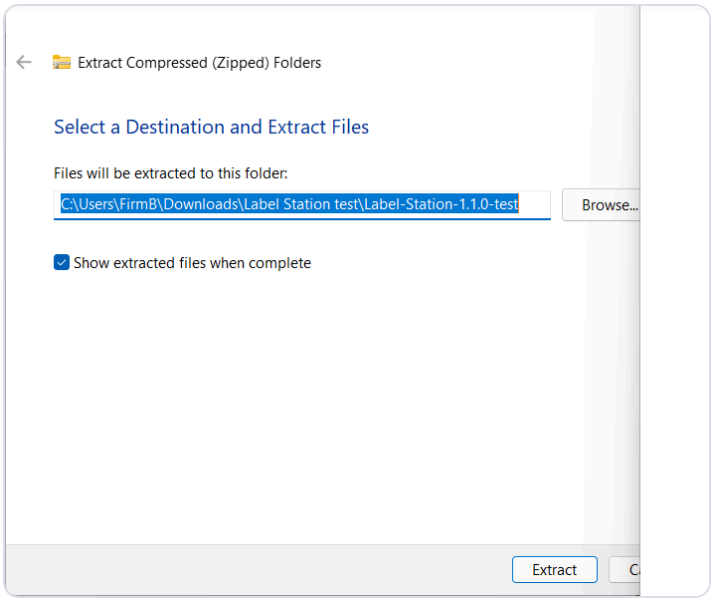
2 Click the zip **once** to select it. Then click the **three dots** at the right end of the toolbar and choose **Extract all**.

Another way: right-click the zip and choose **Extract All** from the menu.



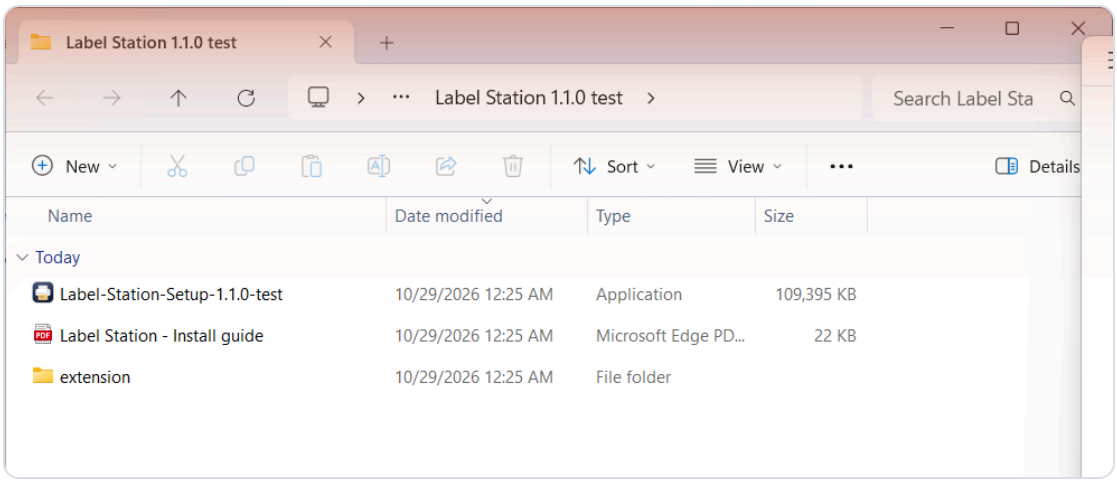
Extract all is the first item in the three-dots menu once the zip is selected.

3 A small window asks where to put the files. The suggested place is fine. Leave **Show extracted files when complete** ticked and click **Extract**.



Click Extract. It takes a few seconds; the installer inside is about 110 MB.

4 A new File Explorer window opens on the extracted folder. Open the **Label Station 1.1.1 test** folder inside it. You should see the three items from the table on the first page.



The kit, unzipped: the installer, the extension folder and this guide.

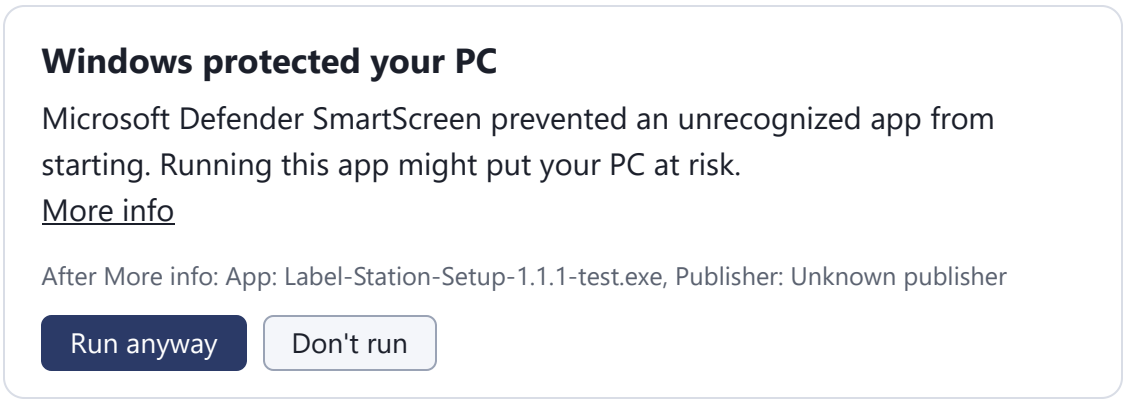
> **Keep this folder.** Chrome will read the extension from it every time it starts. Do not delete it or move it after Part 4. If you want it somewhere tidier than Downloads, move the whole **Label Station 1.1.1 test** folder to Documents now, before you continue.

Part 2. Install the app

1. In the kit folder, double-click **Label-Station-Setup-1.1.1-test**.

2. Windows may show a blue box titled **Windows protected your PC**. That is Windows saying it does not recognise the publisher yet, which is expected for a test build. It is safe to continue:

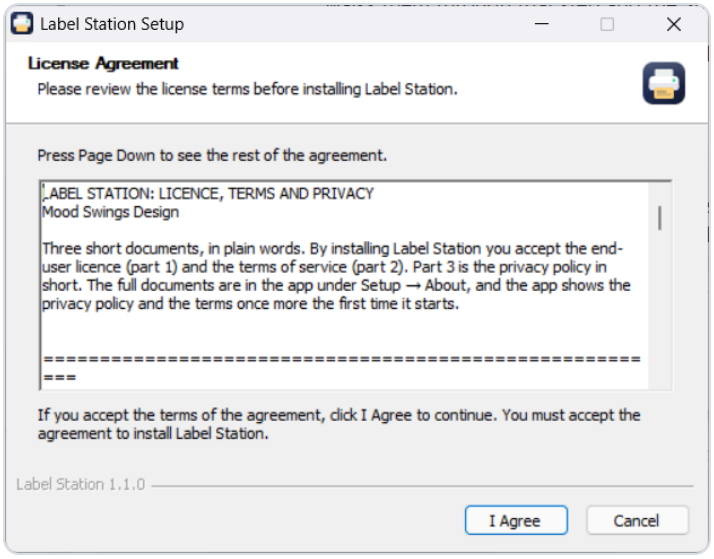
   1. Click the small **More info** link under the message.
   2. A **Run anyway** button appears. Click it.

   The box looks like this. Some PCs skip it, and some antivirus programs show their own box instead. If yours offers to allow or trust the file, choose that.

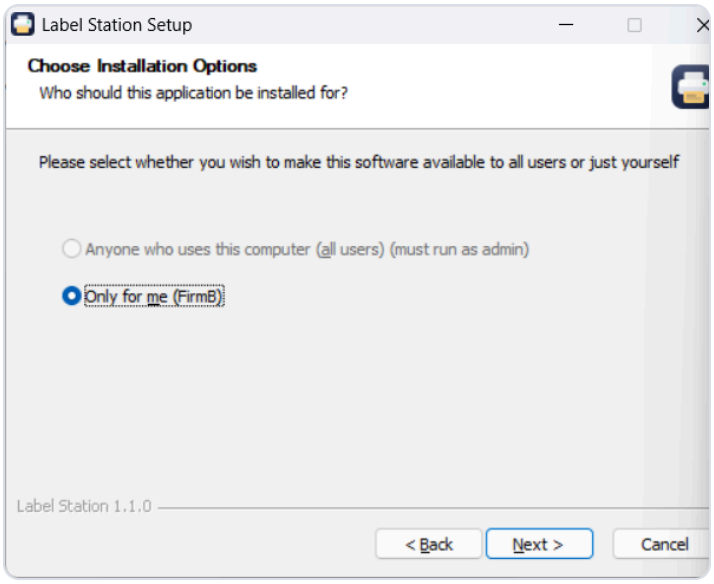
   > **If Windows says "This app has been blocked" instead**, and the box mentions **Smart App Control**, your PC only runs signed apps, and this test build is not signed yet. There is no Run anyway button on that box. Please do not turn Smart App Control off for us: Windows cannot turn it back on afterwards without reinstalling. Reply to the message that brought you this build and say so. You can test on another PC, or wait for the signed build.

3. The installer opens on the **License Agreement** page. It shows three short documents in plain words: the licence, the terms of service and a privacy summary. Read as much as you like, then click **I Agree**.



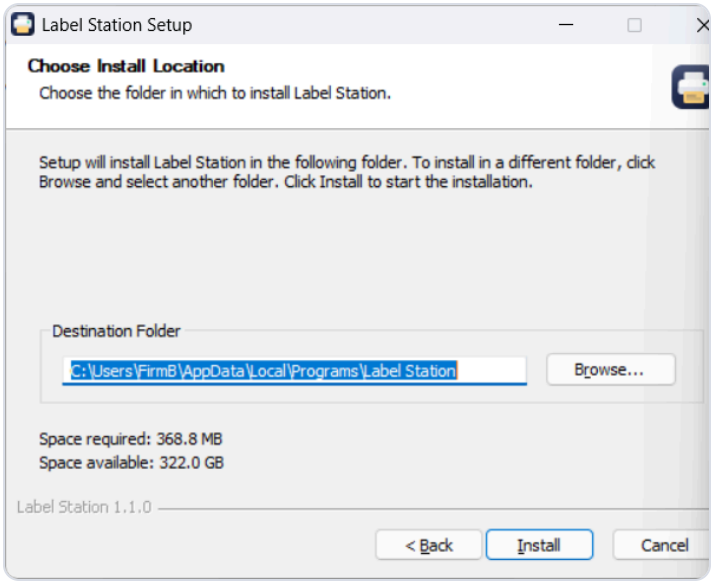
The licence page. I Agree is at the bottom right.

4 On **Choose Installation Options**, leave **Only for me** selected and click **Next**. No administrator password is needed.



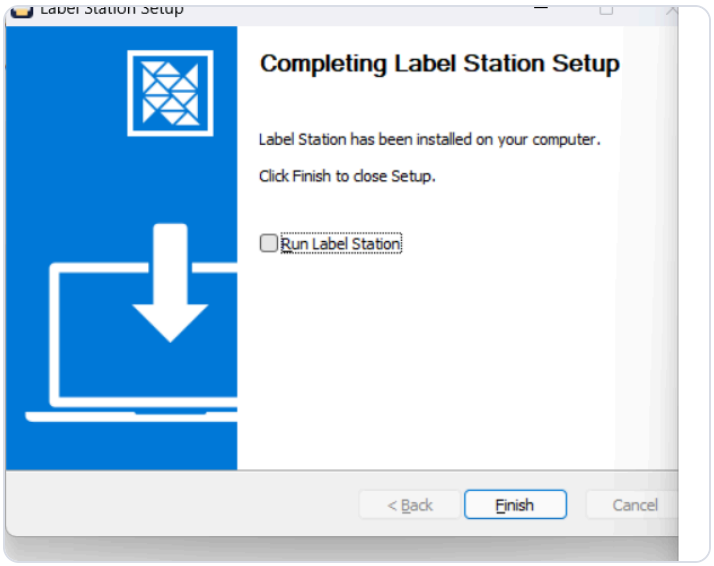
Only for me is the default. Click Next.

5 On **Choose Install Location**, leave the folder as it is and click **Install**. A progress bar runs for about half a minute.



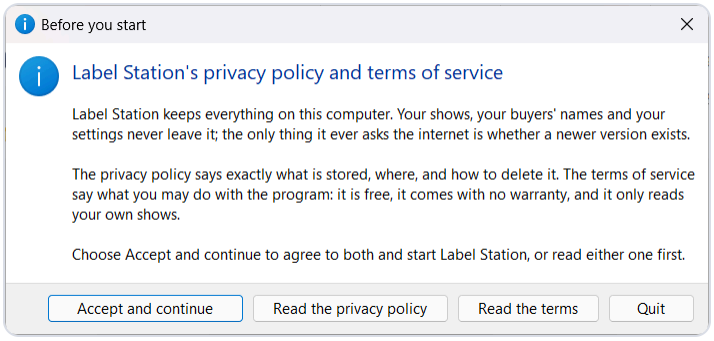
Click Install. The suggested folder is inside your own user account.

6 On the last page, leave **Run Label Station** ticked and click **Finish**. The app starts.



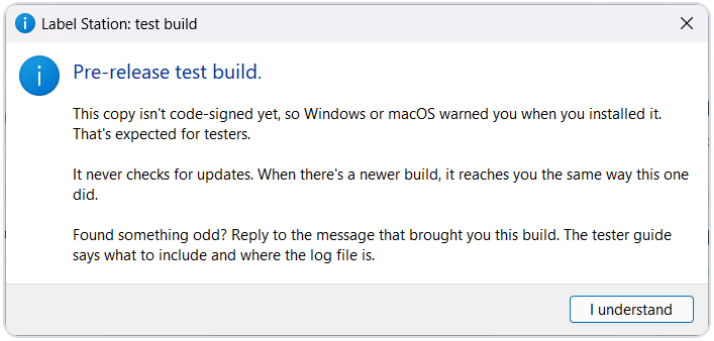
Finish starts the app straight away.

7 The first time it starts, a box called **Before you start** shows the privacy policy and the terms of service. Click **Read the privacy policy** or **Read the terms** if you want to see them first, then click **Accept and continue**.



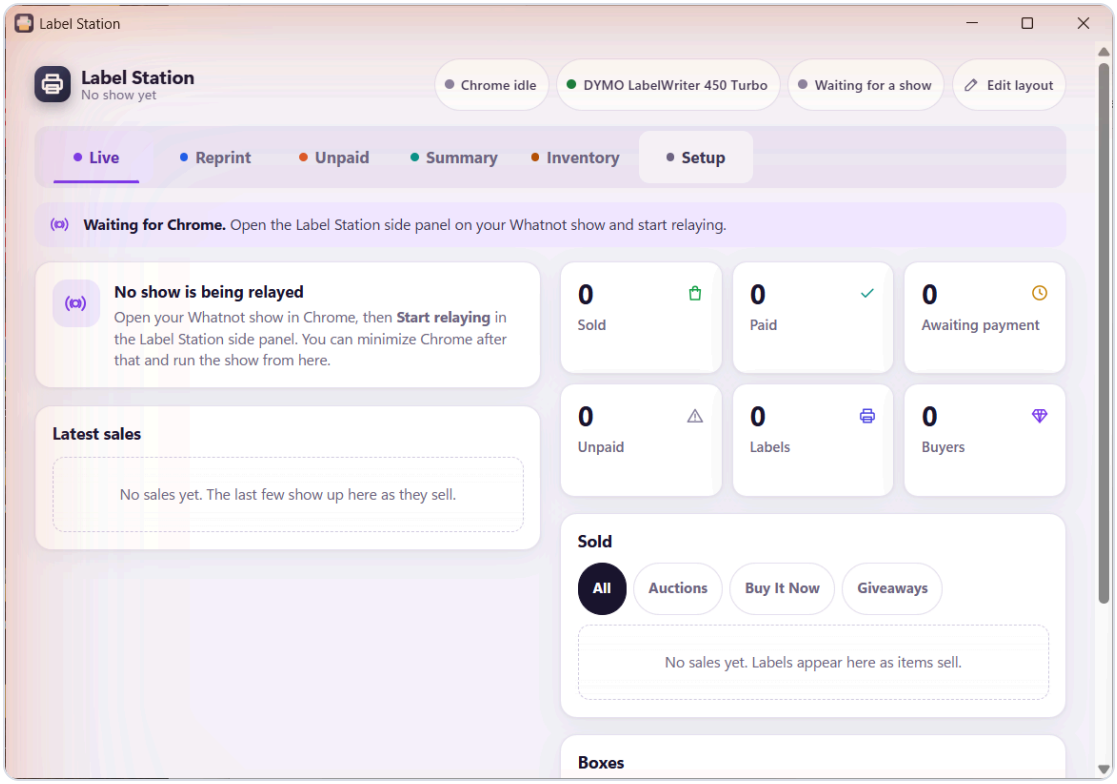
This box appears once. It comes back only if the documents change.

8 A second box tells you this is a pre-release test build. Click **I understand**.



You see this once per computer.

9 The Label Station window opens on its **Live** tab. It is waiting for Chrome, which is normal: you connect Chrome in Part 4.



The app, freshly installed. The banner says it is waiting for Chrome.

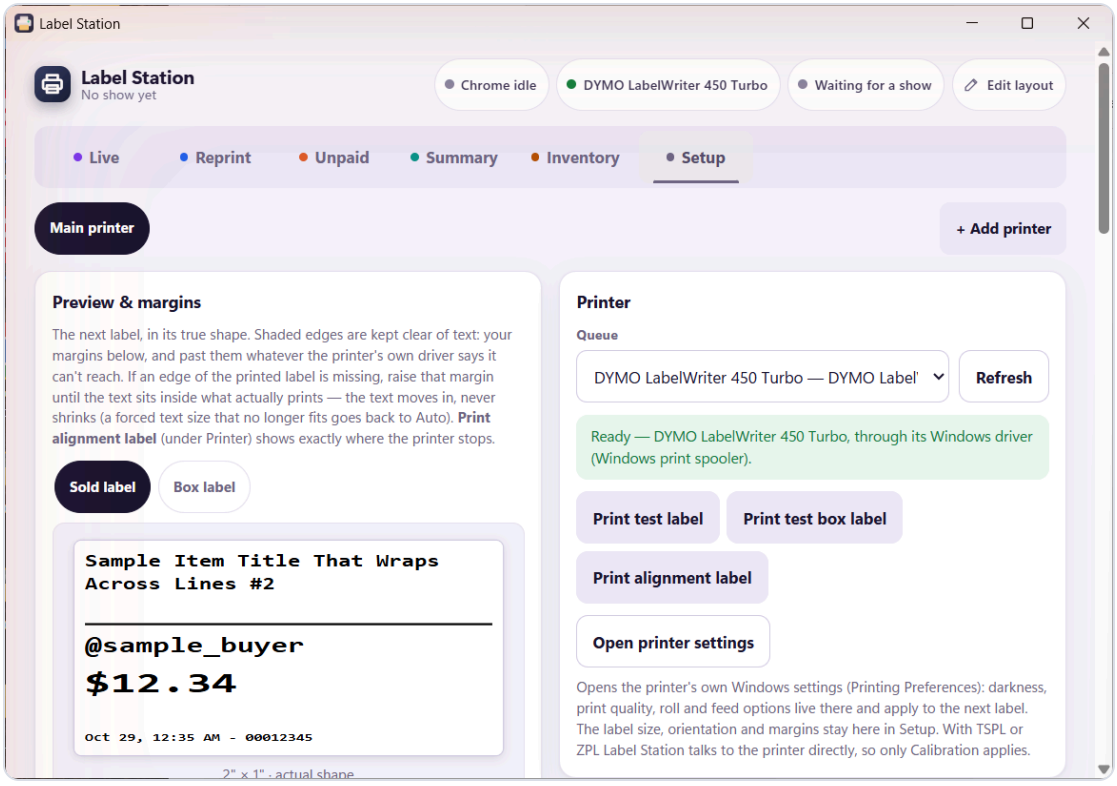
> **Closing the window does not quit the app.** It keeps running from a small icon in the tray at the bottom right of the screen (click the ^ arrow near the clock to see it). Right-click that icon to open the window again or to **Quit**. Labels keep printing while the window is closed.

Part 3. Pick your printer

Your label printer must already be installed in Windows and able to print from other programs. Label Station uses that same printer.

1. In the Label Station window, click the **Setup** tab.

2. In the **Printer** card on the right, open the **Queue** list and choose your label printer. If it is not listed, make sure it is switched on and plugged in, then click **Refresh**.



Setup with a DYMO LabelWriter chosen. The green line under the list says the printer is ready and how the app talks to it.

3. Read the line under the list.

   - **Green** means ready. Go to step 4.
   - **Red** means something to fix, and the line says what. The most common one: a **DYMO** printer needs **Printer language** set to **Windows driver**. Scroll down to the **Calibration** card, change Printer language there, and the line turns green.

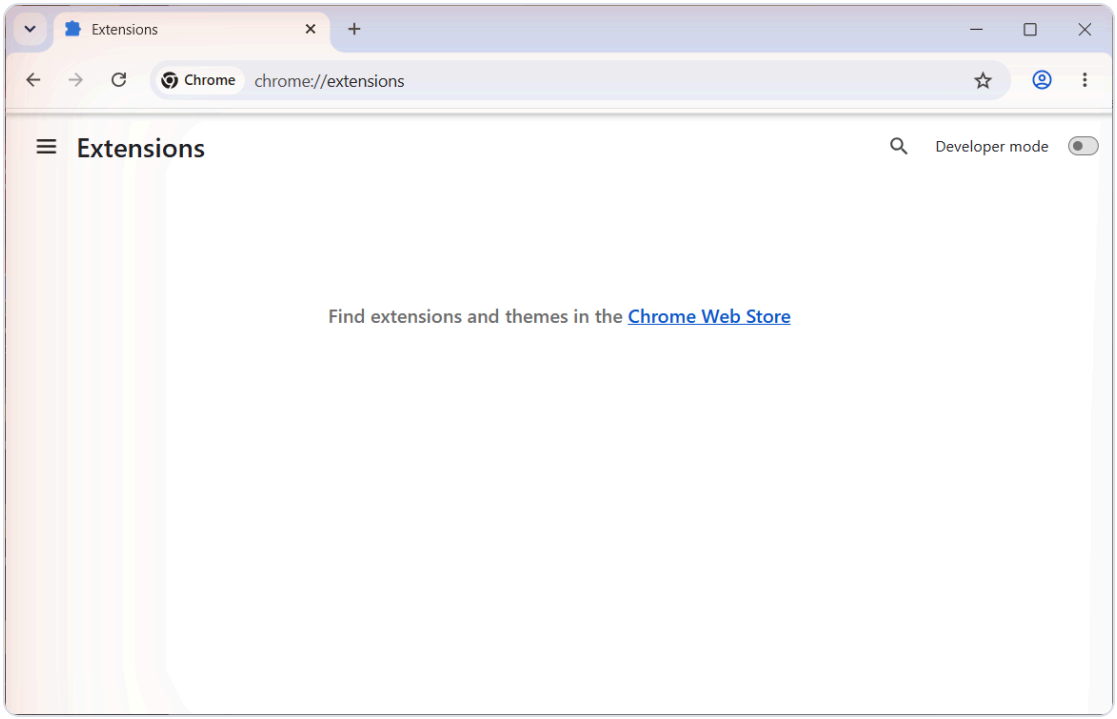
4. Load labels and click **Print test label**. A sample label prints. If the text sits too far up, down or to one side, the **Preview & margins** card on the left lets you add a margin on any edge, and **Print alignment label** prints a ruler that shows exactly where your printer stops.

5 Scroll down to **Label size** and check the width and height match the labels in your printer. The preview on the left is the true shape of the next label.

Part 4. Add the extension to Chrome

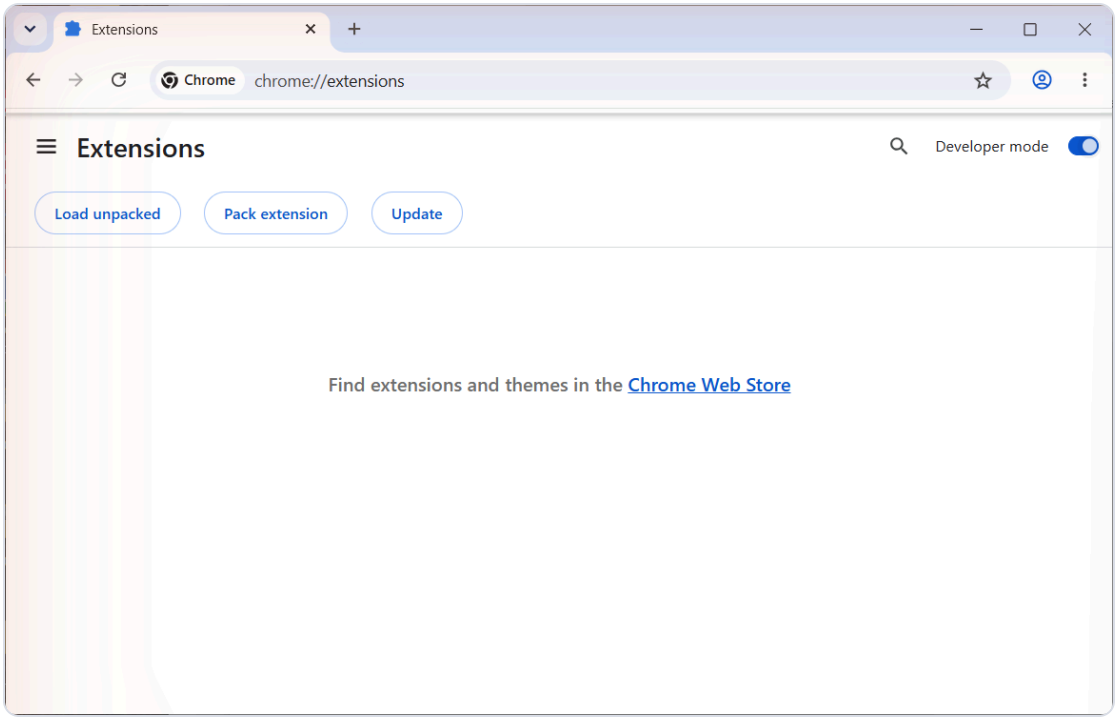
The extension is not in the Chrome Web Store yet, so for this test you add it by pointing Chrome at the **extension** folder in your kit. Chrome calls this loading an unpacked extension. It takes four clicks.

1. Open **Google Chrome**. Click in the address bar at the top, type `chrome://extensions` and press `Enter`. The Extensions page opens.



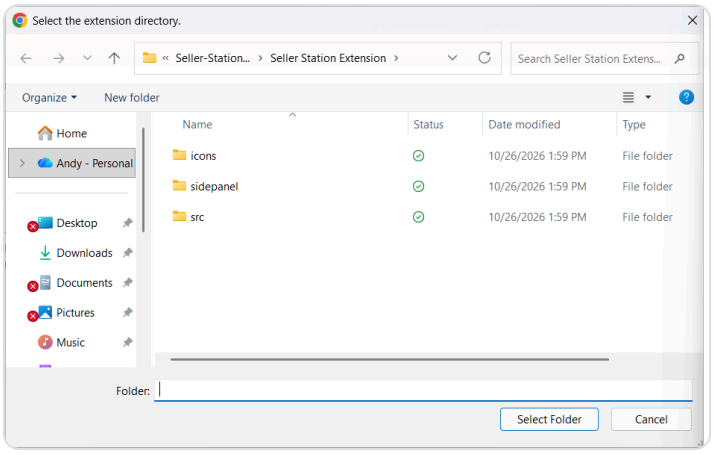
The Extensions page. The Developer mode switch is at the top right.

2. Turn on the **Developer mode** switch at the top right. Three buttons appear under the heading.



With Developer mode on, Load unpacked appears at the top left.

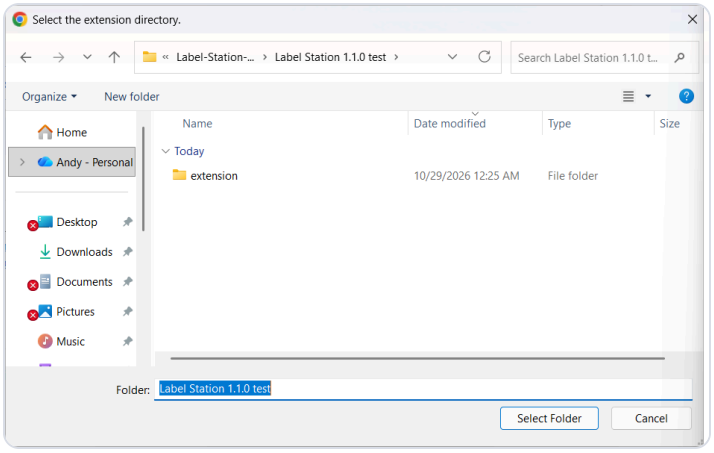
3 Click **Load unpacked**. A window opens asking you to pick a folder.



The folder picker. Use the left side or the top bar to get to your kit folder.

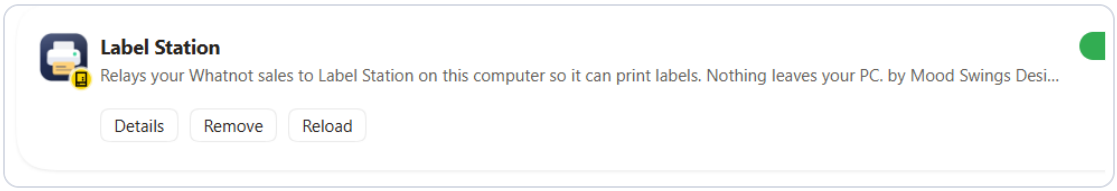
4 Find your kit folder (**Label Station 1.1.1 test**, in Downloads unless you moved it) and open it. Click the **extension** folder **once** so it is highlighted, then click **Select Folder**.

Pick the folder itself, not a file inside it. If Chrome says "Manifest file is missing or unreadable", you picked the wrong folder: try again and choose the one named **extension**.



Inside the kit: click extension once, then Select Folder.

5 **Label Station** now shows as a card on the Extensions page, with its switch on. Leave this page; you do not need to come back to it.



The Label Station card. (This picture is from Microsoft Edge, which lays the page out a little differently; in Chrome the card is on the same page you were just on.)

6 Pin it, so it is always one click away: click the **puzzle piece** icon at the right end of Chrome's address bar, find **Label Station** in the list, and click the **pin** next to it. The Label Station printer icon now sits beside the address bar.

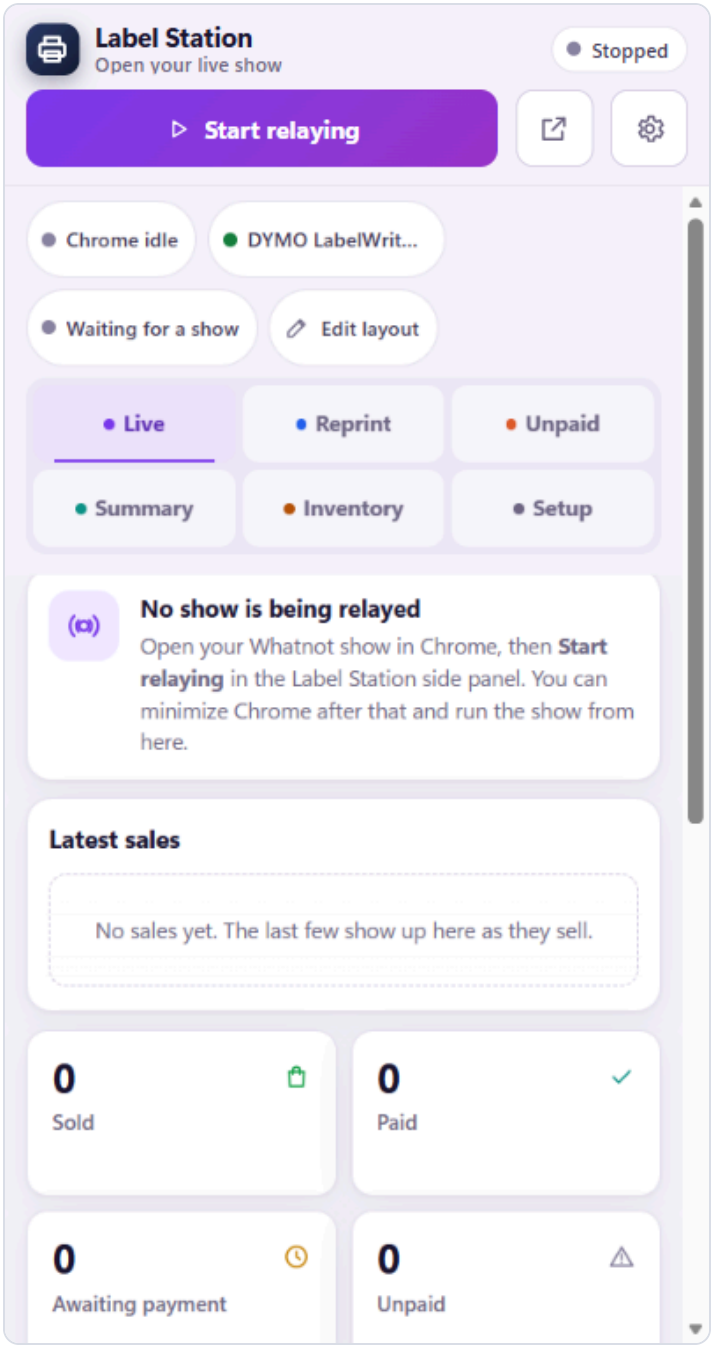
> **If Chrome asks "Disable developer mode extensions?" when it starts**, click **Keep** (or close the message). That is Chrome's standard reminder for any extension that did not come from its store. It will stop once Label Station is in the Chrome Web Store.

Part 5. Run a show

1. Make sure Label Station is running (its window is open, or its icon is in the tray).

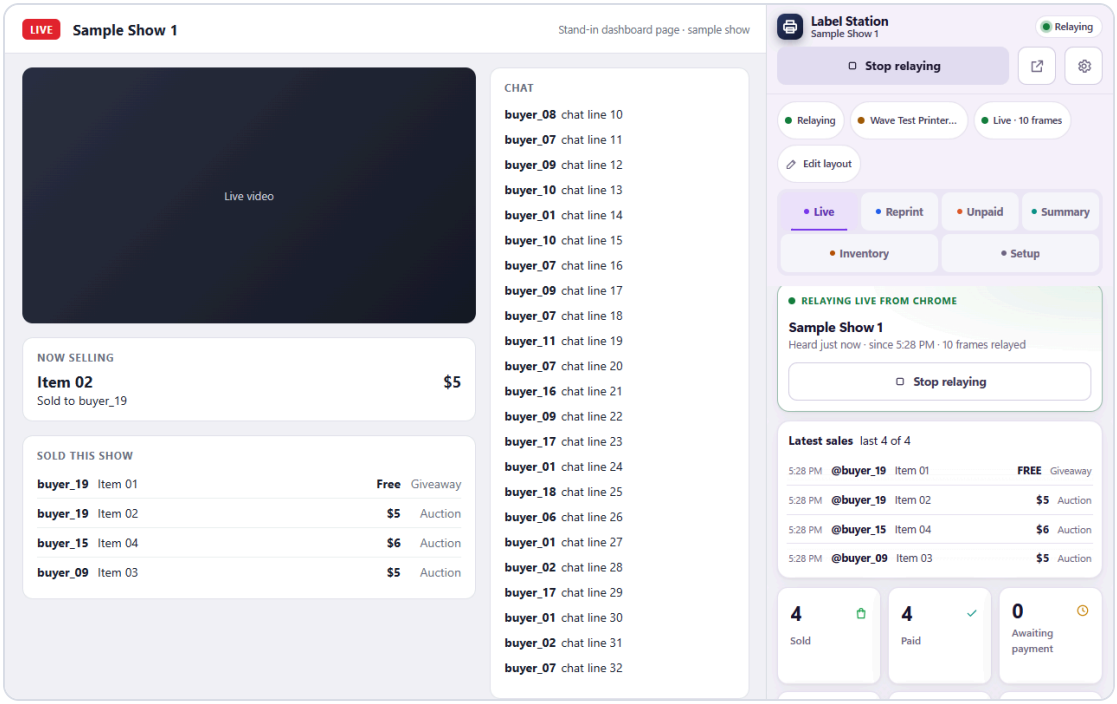
2. In Chrome, open your Whatnot **seller dashboard** for the show, the page you run the show from.

3. Click the **Label Station** icon beside the address bar. A panel opens on the right side of Chrome. The top of the panel is the relay control; underneath it is the Label Station app itself, the same thing as the window.



The side panel, before a show: a Start relaying button at the top and the app below.

4 Click **Start relaying**. The pill at the top turns to **Relaying** and the app shows your show's name. From now on each sale prints its label when the hammer falls, and shows up under Latest sales and Sold.



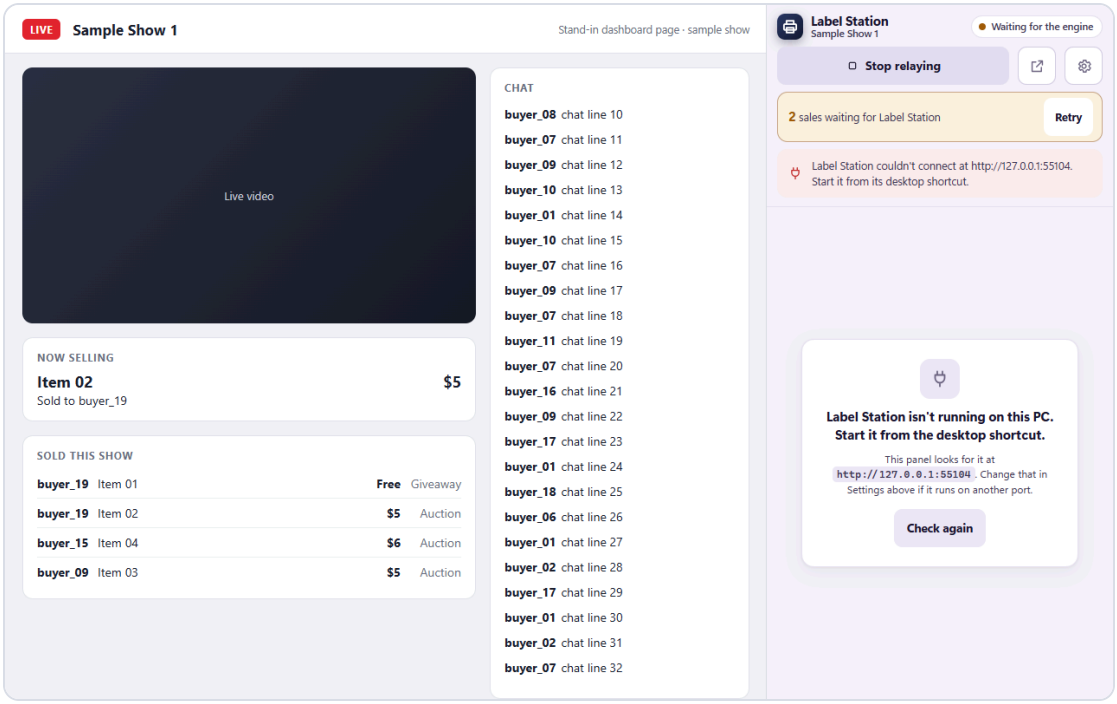
Relaying. The left side is a stand-in for your dashboard page; the panel on the right is real.

5 You can minimise Chrome after that and run the show from the Label Station window if you prefer. Keep the dashboard tab open; the extension reads from it.

6 When the show ends, click **Stop relaying** in the panel (click twice: the first click asks you to confirm). The **Reprint** tab has every sold item in case a label needs printing again, and **Summary** has the totals.

> **You are set up when:** the app's Setup tab shows a green printer line, a test label printed, the Label Station icon sits beside Chrome's address bar, and the panel's pill reads **Relaying** on your show. From then on, each show is just: open the dashboard, click the icon, Start relaying.

> **If the panel says "Label Station isn't running on this PC"**, the app is not started. Start it from the Start menu or the desktop shortcut, then click **Check again** in the panel. Any sales from while it was off are kept and print once it is back.



The app was closed mid-show: the panel holds the sales and offers Retry.

Part 6. If something goes wrong

What you see	What to do
Windows protected your PC	Click **More info**, then **Run anyway** (Part 2, step 2). Expected for a test build.
This app has been blocked (Smart App Control)	Your PC only runs signed apps, and there is no Run anyway. Do not change that setting; tell us (Part 2, step 2). Test on another PC, or wait for the signed build.
Your antivirus blocks or quarantines the installer	Choose to allow or restore it, then run it again. The installer is unsigned, which some antivirus programs treat with suspicion. If you cannot allow it, tell us which antivirus you use.
Chrome says "Manifest file is missing or unreadable"	You picked the wrong folder. Load unpacked again and pick the folder named **extension** (Part 4, step 4).
The Label Station card has an error or is greyed out	The kit folder was moved or deleted. Put it back (or unzip the kit again), then click **Reload** on the card, or remove it and load it again.
The panel says Label Station isn't running	Start the app, then click **Check again**. If the app is running and it still says this, open the panel's gear and check the address reads `http://127.0.0.1:7475`.
Relaying, but nothing prints	In the app's **Setup** tab, check the printer line under Queue is green and the printer is on with labels loaded. Click **Print test label**. Then check the **Each sale** card: Print labels must be on.
Labels print, but the text is cut off or in the wrong place	Setup: check **Label size** matches your labels, then add a margin on the cut-off edge in **Preview & margins**. **Print alignment label** shows where your printer stops.
"This tab moved to another show"	Your dashboard tab is on a different show now (a raid, or you opened another show). Click **Relay this show** to follow it.
Two "Stop relaying" buttons	They do the same thing. One is in the panel's top strip, one is on the app's relay card.

Part 7. Sending feedback

Reply to the message that brought you this build. The more of these you include, the faster we can fix it:

- What you did, what you expected, and what happened instead.

- A screenshot, if there is anything on screen.
- Your printer model and the label size you use.
- The app's log file. It lives in your data folder:
  `%LOCALAPPDATA%\Label Station\station.log`
  To get there: press `Windows` + `R`, paste `%LOCALAPPDATA%\Label Station` and press Enter. The log has times, printer names and your show's item titles and buyer handles, nothing else.

Everything Label Station keeps is in that same data folder: your settings, each show's list of sales, and the logs. Nothing is sent anywhere by the app.

Part 8. Uninstalling

The app

1. If Label Station is running, right-click its tray icon and choose **Quit**.
2. Open **Settings** (right-click the Start button, then Settings), go to **Apps**, then **Installed apps**.
3. Find **Label Station** in the list, click the **three dots** on its row, choose **Uninstall**, and confirm.
4. A small Label Station Uninstall window opens. Click **Uninstall**, then **Close**.

Your data folder (settings, shows, logs) is left in place on purpose, so a reinstall finds your shows again. To remove it too, delete the folder `%LOCALAPPDATA%\Label Station`.

The extension

1. In Chrome, go to `chrome://extensions`.
2. On the **Label Station** card, click **Remove**, then confirm.

You can then delete the kit folder.

Label Station by Mood Swings Design. Test build 1.1.1. This guide matches Windows 11 and Chrome 156; older versions look slightly different but the steps are the same.