Appendix for Windows users

A first run on Windows, step by step, with what you should see at each step. It follows the two-page Quick Start Guide and takes about fifteen minutes.

#	Do this	You should see
1	Open `CodeDelta-Setup.zip` with the password `code-delta` and run `CodeDelta-Setup.exe`. If Windows shows "Windows protected your PC", choose **More info**, then **Run anyway**.	The installer finishes and CodeDelta appears in the Start menu. The default folder is `C:\Program Files\CodeDelta`.
2	Save the licence file `codedelta.lic` from the download page somewhere you can find it, for example your Downloads folder.	A small file named `codedelta.lic`. It is needed once, in step 4.
3	Start CodeDelta from the Start menu.	A console window says CodeDelta is starting and asks you to keep it open. Within about fifteen seconds your browser opens `http://localhost:7654`. If the browser does not open by itself, type that address in.
4	On the **Activate CodeDelta** screen, choose the licence file from step 2, accept the licence agreement and press **Activate**.	The main CodeDelta page. The header shows the version, with **About**, **Help** and **Quit** beside it.
5	Under **Directories**, press **Select…** beside the project folder.	The standard Windows "choose a folder" dialog. Pick any folder that holds source code; a few hundred files is plenty for a first run. Its path appears in the box.
6	Choose **Project Metrics** and press **Run**.	The Output box fills with progress lines and ends with "Done". The tiles show the size of the project: files, lines and statements by language.
7	Press **Open Diff Viewer / Code Browser**.	A new tab shows "Loading the Code Browser…" briefly, then an overview of the project. Click any file in the list on the left to read its source.
8	To compare two versions, choose **Churn + Agent Scan**, pick an **Old** and a **New** folder and press **Run**. Two copies of the same project with a few files edited will do.	Progress lines, then tiles for changed, deleted, added and total churn, and an Agent Scan panel with four counts.
9	Open the Code Browser from that run.	The bar across the top reads Changes, Overview, Files, Classes, **Agents**, Visualiser, **Agent report**, **Metrics report**. Changed files open side by side with every counted line marked.
10	Under **Try It — Demos**, press **Download demo code** on the Agent Scan card, then **Run**.	A sample project is downloaded and scanned. The report lists each finding with its file and line. The samples are fake and never run; security software may flag them, which is expected.
11	Press **Quit** in the header, then **Confirm**.	The report tabs CodeDelta opened close, the CodeDelta tab says "CodeDelta has stopped", and the console window closes by itself. Your reports stay on disk.

12	Start CodeDelta again whenever you need it.	It opens straight to the main page. The licence is not asked for again, and the last run's reports are still offered.

Good to know

- **Where reports go.** Reports are ordinary HTML files in your **Downloads** folder unless you choose another place under **Output**. A large scan also writes a folder whose name ends in `_diff_data` next to the report. Keep the two together if you move or send the report.
- **The console window.** It belongs to CodeDelta. Leave it open while you work; **Quit** closes it for you.
- **Nothing leaves your PC.** The page at `localhost:7654` is served by your own machine, and the licence is checked locally. No account or internet connection is needed to scan.
- **If a step does not match.** Note the step number and what you saw, and tell us through the chat on **codedelta.app** or the contact button on the download page. A person replies.