

# Getting Started

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Welcome to Timebars Ltd.! This guide will help you get started with our productivity apps—Agilebars, Timebars, and Costbars. Whether you're new to project management or a seasoned pro, you can dive right in—no training required. Keep reading to save time and unlock the full potential of our tools.

## Timebars Ltd. Products - How to Get Started?

We offer monthly subscriptions for our products, with product technical support via email included in the pricing. For additional management consulting services, reach out on an ad-hoc basis by [contacting us](#).

Subscriptions are single-person monthly licenses. You can buy one month at a time or up to 12 months in one credit card transaction. Check the Pricing Table & Sales FAQ at our [Sales Site](#).

Here's how to subscribe:

1. **Register:** Visit the [registration page](#) and sign up with an email and password.
2. **Verify:** After submitting the form, check your email for a verification link and confirm your account.
3. **Purchase:** Go to the [Buy Now page](#), select your desired subscription, and complete the purchase.
4. **Log In:** Use your email/password to log into the app. The license downloads automatically, removing data limitations so you can keep working.

## Using Our Apps

Welcome!

Feel free to use our apps for free with full functionality. If you know project management, no training is needed, but this guide can save you time.

- **Our Products:** These are web pages designed to enhance productivity for project management practitioners. No installation required—launch them in your browser:
  - [ab.timebars.com](http://ab.timebars.com)
  - [tb.timebars.com](http://tb.timebars.com)
  - [cb.timebars.com](http://cb.timebars.com)
- **Free Use:** Free versions have data limits (e.g., number of projects, tasks, Pubsets), not feature limits. A subscription unlocks larger datasets.
- **Quick Subscription Purchase:** Beyond the initial purchase, use the [Quick Buy](#) page on our [Sales Site](#) to adjust your plan as needed.

After subscribing, you'll enjoy our apps as a licensed user with increased data capacity.

For advanced users, we recommend using our spreadsheet for quick and productive data entry.

How to Use the Spreadsheets!

**Download the Spreadsheet**

- [Libre Office Calc SS File](#)
- [MS Office Excel File](#)

*Note:* The file name must begin with "tbClient" for the import to work.

The spreadsheets include seed data and demo projects. To get started:

1. Open the spreadsheet.
  2. Copy and paste your task and project names over the rows in the Timebars tab.
  3. Save the spreadsheet, then drag and drop it onto the Canvas. Your project data will load into the app.
- **Backup:** Importing via drag-and-drop creates a backup of existing data in your browser's default folder (usually Downloads). Restore it by dragging the backup back onto the Canvas.
  - **Post-Import:** After importing, log in again and refresh the browser to apply your license.
  - **Data Validation:** Use the macro-based validator in the spreadsheet to check for dirty data (highlighted in red, e.g., missing mandatory columns).
  - **Visualize Data:** Drop the file onto the Canvas to see your data. Export it back to the spreadsheet for bulk edits or analysis. Use the Portfolio tab (macros enabled) for custom reports.
  - **Sync Cycle:** Repeat this sync for daily, weekly, or monthly needs. Spreadsheets eliminate clunky data entry forms, boosting productivity.

## Personal Productivity

- Enter data in your favorite spreadsheet, then drag and drop it onto the Canvas for instant productivity.
- Work on one device, publish to the Timebars Cloud, then download and continue on another with one click after logging in.
- Publish multiple datasets (e.g., Sprints or Backlogs) and select one as active for Dashboard charts and reports.
- **Scheduling Flexibility:** Built-in rules automatically calculate time-phased results for charts, reports, and dashboards.
- **Save Money:** Replace expensive desktop or clunky cloud tools with our products to regain control of your data and time.
- Track tasks and resource forecasts easily—create projects manually or import via spreadsheet sync.
- Set unlimited project/task baselines for enhanced visualizations and progress reporting.
- Gain visibility into organizational work to prevent overload—simpler than MS Project and more modern.

## High Security

- HTTPS/TLS end-to-end encryption, like banks use.
- Username and password sent securely over HTTP/TLS, never in the clear.
- No cookies stored on your device, reducing security risks.
- Password-encrypted tokens stored on our server, not your browser—unreadable by us or hackers.

## Next Steps!

- Watch presentations and read feature descriptions to learn our special features:
  - [Agilebars Presentation](#)

- [Agilebars Features](#)
  - [Timebars Presentation](#)
  - [Timebars Features](#)
  - [Costbars Presentation](#)
  - [Costbars Features](#)
- Read the product User Guides at our Knowledge Bases—no formal training needed:
    - [Knowledge Base](#)

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- Our training courses aren't ready yet. Try these free third-party resources:
  - [Agile Sprint Training](#)
  - [Project Scheduling Training](#)
  - [Resource Management Training](#)
  - [Project Pipeline Demand](#)

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Thank you for using Timebars Ltd. Products. Your productivity will improve!