



BMBridge Lite — Quick-Start Guide

Get your first notes on a Bookmap chart in five minutes

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Version: Lite 1.0.1 **Audience:** First-time users who want to get notes on a Bookmap chart in under five minutes.

1. Launch the Program

- Run `BMBridge_Lite.exe` (or `python BMBridge_Lite.py` for the source build).

Windows SmartScreen Warning (first launch only)

On the first launch, Windows may display a blue "**Windows protected your PC**" dialog from SmartScreen. This is expected because BMBridge Lite is not code-signed. To proceed:

- 1 Click **More info** on the dialog.
- 2 Click **Run anyway**.

This warning will not reappear on subsequent launches on the same machine. Some third-party antivirus products may also prompt once — allow the program if you downloaded it from the intended source. If your antivirus blocks it outright, add an exception for the `BMBridge_Lite.exe` file.

Disclaimer Acceptance

- On first launch, the **About / Disclaimer** window appears. Read it in full and click **I Understand & Accept** to continue. Clicking **Decline & Exit** closes the program.
- You can re-open the About window later using the **About** button in the top-left header of the main window.

2. Set the Global Bookmap Symbol

- In the left panel, enter the Bookmap symbol string in the **Global Bookmap Symbol** field.
- Format example: `ESM6.CME@TM.Lite`
- This symbol is used for any feed that does not have its own **Symbol Override**.

3. Add a Note

- On the feed tab, fill in:
- **Description** — short label shown on the chart
- **Price** — numeric price level (digits and one optional decimal point; e.g. `6840.00`, `-1.25`)
- **Align** — text alignment on the chart
- **Draw Line** — whether to draw the horizontal price line
- Click **Text Color** / **BG Color** to pick colors.
- Click **ADD NEW**. The note appears as a card below.

Every interactive control has a tooltip — hover to see what it does.

4. Start the Servers

- Click **START SERVERS** on the left panel.
- The status light turns green (**LIVE**) and the per-feed LED on the feed tab also turns green.
- The **URL** field on the feed tab shows the address Bookmap needs, for example:

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http://127.0.0.1:8000/Feed_1.csv
```

Windows Firewall prompt: the first time servers start, Windows Defender Firewall will prompt to allow BMBridge Lite through. The servers bind to **127.0.0.1** only (local machine, loopback) and do not accept external connections. Allow on **Private networks**; **Public networks** is not required and can be left unchecked.

5. Point Bookmap at the URL

- In Bookmap, open **Settings** → **Cloud Notes** (or the Custom Notes configuration panel for your Bookmap version).
- Add a new Cloud Notes source and paste the URL from step 4.
- Set the poll interval on Bookmap's side as desired.
- Save. Your notes should now render on the chart.

Reference: Bookmap's official Custom Notes documentation —

<https://bookmap.com/knowledgebase/docs/KB-Appendices-All-CustomNotes>

6. Editing, Managing, and Deleting

- Click **SEL** on any note card to load it back into the entry form, then click **UPDATE**.
- Use ▲ ▼ to reorder, ■ to clone, ■ to delete a note.
- Uncheck the note's enable checkbox to hide it from the CSV output without deleting it.
- Toggle **Broadcasting** on a feed header to start or stop that feed's server at any time (works while servers are running).
- Click ■ **Delete Feed** in the feed header to remove a feed entirely. Requires at least one feed to remain.

7. Monitoring

- **Last polled** in each feed header shows when Bookmap last fetched that feed's CSV (e.g. **Last polled: 14:32:07 (3s ago)**).
- If no polls are received for 2 minutes while a feed is live, a system tray toast notification appears and a warning is written to the Activity Log.

8. Personalization

- **UI Font Size** dropdown in the settings card — Small / Normal / Large / X-Large / XX-Large. Applies immediately.

- **Color Templates** — save and load reusable color combinations. Templates are grouped into **Colors Only** and **Colors + Text** sections.

9. Closing the Program

- Closing the window normally stops all servers and exits.
- If **Minimize to tray** is checked in the left panel, closing hides the app to the system tray and servers keep running. Right-click the tray icon for **Show / Quit**.
- Use the **■ Minimize to Tray Now** button for on-demand minimize.

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