

Cap Table Modeler

Host Your Own Copy

This guide explains how to run your own private copy. It's written for non-developers — if you can drag a folder into a browser tab, you can host this. The key thing to know first: **there is no backend to set up.**

WHY THIS IS EASY

This tool does **all of its math in your browser**. There's no server, no database, and no account system. So **nothing you type ever leaves your computer**, hosting is **free** (it's just static files), and you **don't need Supabase or any paid service** to use it. "Hosting your own copy" is really just putting a folder of files online — or opening it on your own machine.

Option A — Just open it on your computer (zero hosting)

1. Unzip the kit.
2. The tool lives in the `app/` folder.
3. Double-click `app/index.html` to open it in your browser.

That's it. Your scenario is saved in that browser so it's there when you return. *(If your browser blocks opening files directly, use Option B — it also runs locally, just through a tiny local server.)*

Option B — Put it online for free

Any static host works. The two easiest free options:

Netlify (drag-and-drop, ~2 minutes)

1. Make a free account at netlify.com.
2. Go to **Sites** → "Add new site" → "Deploy manually."
3. Drag the `app/` folder onto the upload area.
4. Netlify gives you a URL — that's your private copy.

Vercel, Cloudflare Pages, GitHub Pages, S3 ...

All have free static hosting. Upload the contents of `app/` and point the host at `index.html`. (If a host serves from a sub-folder rather than the site root, that's the one case where a developer — or Claude Code — can

rebuild it with the right base path in a minute.)

Cost: \$0. A static site on a free tier doesn't cost anything to host.

"Do I ever need Supabase?" — only for one thing

The tool saves your work in the browser you're using. If you want **the same saved cap tables to follow you across devices** (log in on your laptop, see them on your phone), *that* — and only that — needs a small database like Supabase (~\$0-25/mo, on you, not on FFG). Saving sits behind a small swappable adapter, so a developer or Claude Code can wire in your own Supabase without touching the rest of the app. **For most people you'll never need this** — browser saving plus PDF and `.json` export cover it.

What's in the kit

- **app/** — the tool itself (open or host this).
- **HOW-TO-HOST.md** — this guide, in text.
- **FFG-Cap-Table-Modeler-Guide.pdf** — this guide, as a PDF.
- **FFG-Cap-Table-Modeler-One-Pager.pdf** — a one-page overview.

What this is — and is not. A free, browser-based cap table **modeling** tool. It is **not** a system of record, not an equity-administration platform, and **not legal, tax, or accounting advice**. Option values are for modeling only — real grants need an independent 409A valuation. QSBS (§1202) and 83(b)/Form 15620 treatment depend on facts to confirm with a CPA or attorney.