



Prodigy software

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What's New in Prodigy for Windows v1.6

We are excited to share that Prodigy for Windows v1.6 adds a new Windows-style interface option, a new Apps application, support for a new Bluetooth keyboard, updated Acapela voices, and more improvements to usability, responsiveness, and stability.

Windows-style interface option

Prodigy now includes a Windows-style interface option for users who want more familiar computer controls. In this mode, users can:

- Exit Prodigy or an open Prodigy window
- Resize and minimize Prodigy windows
- Move Prodigy windows to another screen
- Switch between full screen and Windows-style mode as needed

This can be turned on or off at any time with **Alt+W**. It can also be changed in:

Settings → User Interface → Interface → Mode

New Apps application

Prodigy now includes a new **Apps** application to make it easier to access Windows applications from within Prodigy. Users can search for apps, launch them, and pin them for faster access.

This is especially useful when the Windows-style interface is not being used, since it gives users a simple way to reach common Windows apps without leaving the Prodigy environment.

Apps is **off by default**, but it can be turned on in:

Settings → User Interface → Interface → Applications

Keyboard and speech updates

Support for a new Bluetooth keyboard

Support has been added for the new, customized Prodigy Bluetooth keyboard for Windows. This gives users another keyboard option for easier tactile control and navigation.

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Acapela update

Prodigy now uses **Acapela v14.0** for text-to-speech. This update also adds **ten new TTS personalities** across supported languages and regions, including English (4), French, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (2), and Turkish.

Usability and performance updates

With these helpful updates, users can now:

- Choose between the standard Prodigy interface and a Windows-style interface
- Search for, launch, and pin Windows applications from the new Apps application
- Use the new, custom Windows-based Prodigy Bluetooth keyboard
- Benefit from updated Acapela voices and additional voice personalities
- Experience better responsiveness across Prodigy
- Work more smoothly in Windows mode with improved layout behavior
- See better loading behavior when opening large folders in Files
- Receive clearer messages when an app is not installed
- Be notified if the microphone is muted when using voice input in AI Assistant
- Have voice recording stops automatically after speaking
- Benefit from general bug fixes, performance tuning, and stability improvements

How to get this update

Prodigy will alert you when v1.6 is available. You can also check manually:

1. Open Prodigy.
2. Go to **Settings > System > Software Update**.
3. Follow the prompts.

Your files and settings are kept during the update.

Support videos

Visit the [Prodigy for Windows YouTube playlist](#) or use the link in the **Help** application for tutorials and feature overviews.

Thank you for choosing Prodigy for Windows. We are committed to continuously improving your reading and magnification experience. Share your feedback.

Bugs addressed in v1.6

- **PROW-6273:** Transferring an empty image from the Wi-Fi camera to Distance could break the video stream.
- **PROW-6332:** The **Next** button on the login page did not respond when a non-activated email account was entered.
- **PROW-6128:** The camera stream now restarts more automatically when broken.
- **PROW-6126:** Error handling and messaging were improved when the Prodigy workspace is unavailable.
- **PROW-6265:** Error handling was improved for some external installation-related issues.
- **PROW-6323 / PROW-6382:** General fixes were made to improve responsiveness, memory use, and overall stability.

Known Issues

General

- **PROW-5746:** Using voice-to-text speech input for first AI Assistant questions in live Magnifier and Distance applications requires the use of the Windows-H shortcut.
- **PROW-6131:** Word spacing can be lost when attempting to read a document in a text-to-speech language that is different from the text.
- **PROW-6465:** Sometimes the start recording beep does not play when the audio output is using a Bluetooth device in the AI Assistant.

Windows-mode

- **PROW-6552:** Returning to the maximum window may break a menu list layout.
- **PROW-6415:** When fully zoomed in on a saved image in a resized window, panning full left or right, then resizing the window, the image is lost.
- **PROW-6502:** Windows control buttons don't resize properly on a second monitor with different DPI settings.
- **PROW-6606:** Dragging a window on a touchscreen doesn't trigger Windows Snap Assist.