Lumen AI

Complete User Manual

Your intelligent companion for interviews and meetings — listen, analyse the screen, and get clear answers in a private overlay.

Version 1.0.0 · Windows Desktop

This manual contains placeholders marked **SS-xx** where a screenshot should be inserted. Replace each dashed box with your own image.

📸 **How to add your screenshots**

Each dashed box marks a screenshot spot. Capture the screen it describes, then replace the box with an image tag such as `<img src="screenshots/ss-01.png" alt="Activation screen">`. Keep your images in a `screenshots` folder beside this HTML file so the paths work.

GETTING STARTED

1. About Lumen AI

Lumen AI is a desktop assistant that helps you during live interviews and meetings. It runs as a small, always-on-top floating window that you can move, fade, and hide. While you talk, it listens to the question and writes a strong, concise answer; it can also read whatever is on your screen and answer questions shown there.

What it does

- **Listens** to spoken questions (your microphone and/or the other person's audio) and answers automatically.
- **Analyses the screen** — captures the screen behind it and answers questions it finds there.
- **Answers typed questions** from the bottom bar.
- **Uses your resume** so answers reflect your real experience, in your own voice.
- **Stays private** — can be hidden from screen sharing and recording while you still see it.

What you need

- A Windows PC (see 3).
- A Lumen AI activation key (from your portal).
- Your own AI provider API key (Claude, OpenAI, Gemini, Groq, …).

SS-01

The Lumen AI interview window with an answer visible

Screenshot the main interview screen (overlay) in use.

GETTING STARTED

2. Key concepts

A few ideas make the rest of the manual easier to follow.

The overlay

Lumen AI is a floating window that sits on top of your other apps. It is the single screen you work in — there is no separate dashboard.

Activation gate

Until you enter a valid key, a full-screen activation page blocks the app. Once activated, you go straight to the interview screen.

Live / Paused / Muted

The status pill shows whether the app is actively listening. The dot gently pulses while LIVE.

Screen-share hiding

“Reveal” toggles whether the app appears in screen sharing. Hidden means others don't see it; you always do.

Pass-through

Lets your mouse clicks pass through the overlay to the app behind it.

In-window panels

Settings, History, Help, Shortcuts and Activation all open as panels inside the same window — not separate windows.

SS-02

The overlay with the status pill showing ● LIVE

Screenshot the top bar focused on the LIVE status pill.

GETTING STARTED

3. System requirements

Item	Requirement
Operating system	Windows 10 (version 2004 or newer) or Windows 11, 64-bit
Memory	4 GB RAM minimum (8 GB recommended)
Disk space	~200 MB free
Internet	Required for AI answers and license checks
Audio	Microphone (optional) for spoken-question detection
Accounts	A Lumen AI license key and an AI provider API key

Note

The screen-share hiding feature relies on Windows 10 version 2004 (May 2020) or later. On older versions the app runs but cannot hide itself from screen capture.

Check your Windows version

1. Press `Win` + `R`.
2. Type `winver` and press `Enter`.
3. Confirm the version is 2004 or higher.

GETTING STARTED

4. Installation

1. Download `LumenAI-Setup.exe`.
2. Double-click it to start the installer.
3. If Windows SmartScreen appears, click **More info** → **Run anyway** (the app is unsigned).
4. Read the welcome screen and click **Next**.
5. Choose the install folder (the default is fine) and click **Next**.
6. Click **Install**. No administrator rights are required.
7. Leave **Launch Lumen AI** ticked and click **Finish**.

SS-03

The LumenAI-Setup.exe welcome / install wizard

Screenshot the installer window.

SS-04

The “Completing Setup” page with Launch ticked

Screenshot the final installer page.

Tip

Shortcuts are added to your Desktop and Start menu. You can launch Lumen AI from either at any time.

GETTING STARTED

5. First launch & activation

On first launch — and whenever your license isn't active — a full-screen **Activation** page appears. You must complete it before using the app.

Activate your license

1. Find your **Device ID** on the activation screen.
2. Click 📋 **Copy** to copy it.
3. Open your Lumen AI web portal → **Devices** and add the Device ID (or just activate a key here — it links this PC automatically).
4. Paste your **activation key** (format `HM-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX`).
5. Click **Activate**.
6. On success, the app opens the interview screen automatically.

SS-05

The full-screen Activation gate (Device ID + key entry + Activate)

Screenshot the activation screen shown on first launch.

Important

The gate can't be dismissed until a valid key is entered. You can reopen it later from **Settings → Activation**

.

What the buttons do

Button	Action
Activate	Validates and links your key to this device.
⟳ **Check now**	Re-checks your plan status with the server.
🌐 **Open portal**	Opens the web portal to buy or renew a plan.
Unlink this PC	Removes the license from this device.

SETUP

6. Add an AI provider key

Lumen AI uses **your own** AI provider key to generate answers. Add at least one.

1. Click ⚙ **Settings** in the top bar.
2. Open the **Keys** tab.
3. Select a provider (Claude, OpenAI, Gemini, Groq, ...).
4. Paste your **API key** into the field.
5. Optionally choose a **model** from the list.
6. Click **Test** to confirm the key and model work.
7. Click **Save**, then ← **Back**.

SS-06

Settings → Keys with a provider selected and a key entered

Screenshot the Keys page.

Tip

You can add several providers. Lumen AI will use them in order, so if one is unavailable it can fall back to another.

SETUP

7. Provider-by-provider guide

Where to get an API key for each supported provider. Create an account, generate a key, then paste it into **Settings** → **Keys**.

Anthropic (Claude)

1. Sign in at the Anthropic Console.
2. Open **API Keys** and click **Create Key**.
3. Copy the key and paste it into Lumen AI under **Claude**.

OpenAI (GPT)

1. Sign in at the OpenAI platform.
2. Open **API keys** and click **Create new secret key**.
3. Copy it and paste under **OpenAI**.

Google (Gemini)

1. Open Google AI Studio and sign in.
2. Click **Get API key** → **Create API key**.
3. Paste under **Gemini**.

Groq

1. Sign in at the Groq Console.
2. Open **API Keys** → **Create API Key**.
3. Paste under **Groq**.

SS-07

The provider dropdown and model list on the Keys page

Screenshot the provider/model selection.

Keep keys private

Your API keys are stored locally on this PC. Never share screenshots that reveal a full key.

SETUP

8. Profile & resume

Give Lumen AI context so answers sound like you and fit the role.

1. Open ⚙ **Settings** → **Persona**.
2. Choose your **Profile Type** (e.g. Job Interview).
3. Click **Upload Resume** and pick a PDF, Word `.docx`, text file, or a photo/scan.
4. Keep **"Answer as me, in first person..."** ticked so answers are ready to say aloud.
5. Paste the **job description**, company name, or extra notes into **Extra Details (Text)**.
6. Add **Guidelines** to steer the assistant (example below).
7. Click **Save**.

Example Guidelines

"You are interviewing me for a Java Full-Stack Developer role with 4+ years of experience. Use my attached resume as the primary source of truth. Base answers on my real projects whenever possible, and keep them concise and spoken-friendly."

SS-08

Settings → Persona: Profile Type, Upload Resume, first-person toggle

Screenshot the top of the Persona page.

SS-09

Settings → Persona: Extra Details and Guidelines boxes

Screenshot the lower part of the Persona page.

Managing your resume

- **View / Edit** — review the extracted resume text.
- **Remove** — delete the stored resume.

SETUP

9. Audio & microphone setup

For spoken-question detection, make sure the right audio sources are active.

1. Open ⚙ **Settings** → **Sound**.
2. Review the listening options (microphone and/or the other participant's audio).
3. Make sure the mic isn't muted in Windows and that Lumen AI isn't in **MUTED** state.
4. Speak a test question and watch the panel for a detected answer.

SS-10

Settings → Sound (audio / listening options)

Screenshot the Sound settings page.

Tip

In online meetings, routing the other person's audio to the app lets Lumen AI hear their questions too. Headphones avoid echo and double-detection.

USING THE APP

10. Interview screen tour

SS-11

The interview top bar with each control visible

Screenshot the full top bar.

Top bar

Control	What it does
🧠 Lumen AI	Brand pill — drag it to move the window.
👁 Reveal	Show/hide the app in screen sharing.
Pass-through	Let clicks pass to the app behind.
● LIVE/PAUSED/MUTED	Session status; click to mute/unmute.
📷 Analysis	Capture the screen and analyse it.
0s	Session timer.
🎙 / 🔇	Mute / unmute audio capture.
🕑 History	Past sessions & conversations.
⚙ Settings	Open all settings.
? Help	Open the in-window help panel.
Hide · Ctrl \	Hide / show the window.
✕	Close the app.

Panel & composer

SS-12

The AI Assistant panel and the “How can I help you today?” bar

Screenshot the answer panel + composer.

- **Brightness slider** (panel top-right) — fade the window in/out.
- **Answer area** — scrollable; the window grows to fit the text up to its max, then scrolls.
- ‹ › — previous / next answer.
- **Input box** — type a question, press → or `Enter`.
- 📷 capture · 📋 copy answer · ⌨ shortcuts.

USING THE APP

11. Listening to questions

1. After activation the app listens automatically; the pill shows ● **LIVE**.
2. When a question is spoken, Lumen AI detects it and writes an answer in the panel.
3. Read the answer, or glance at the key points, and respond in your own words.
4. Use ‹ › or `Ctrl+Alt+[` / `]` to revisit earlier answers.

SS-13

A spoken question answered automatically in the panel

Screenshot the panel with an auto-generated answer.

Tip

Keep answers natural — use them as a guide, not a script, so your delivery sounds authentic.

USING THE APP

12. Screen analysis

Answer a question that's visible on your screen (for example a coding task or a slide).

1. Click 📷 **Analysis** in the top bar (or press `Ctrl+Alt+Enter`).
2. Lumen AI briefly hides itself and captures the screen behind it.
3. It reads the question from the capture and writes an answer.

SS-14

An answer generated from a screen capture

Screenshot an answer produced by Analysis.

Note

Analysis works even while the microphone is muted.

USING THE APP

13. Asking your own questions

1. Click the **“How can I help you today?”** box.
2. Type any question or instruction.
3. Press → or `Enter`.
4. The answer appears in the panel; click 📋 to copy it.

SS-15

A typed question and its answer

Screenshot a typed question being answered.

USING THE APP

14. Navigating answers

- **‹ / ›** buttons move between past answers in this session.
- `Ctrl+Alt+[` previous · `Ctrl+Alt+]` next.
- The panel scrolls for long answers; the window grows to fit text up to its maximum size.
- `Ctrl+Alt+C` copies the current answer.

SS-16

The ‹ › navigation arrows in the bottom bar

Screenshot the navigation arrows.

USING THE APP

15. History & sessions

Lumen AI keeps a record of your sessions and conversations.

1. Click the 🕑 **History** icon in the top bar.
2. Use the tabs to browse **Sessions**, review a **Conversation**, or view **Stats**.
3. Open a past session to re-read its questions and answers.
4. Click ← **Back** or ✕ to return to the interview.

SS-17

The History panel (Sessions / Conversation / Stats tabs)

Screenshot the History side panel.

PRIVACY & WINDOW

16. Screen-share hiding (Reveal)

Hide the app from screen sharing and recording while you still see it.

1. Click 👁 **Reveal** in the top bar, or press `Ctrl+Alt+H`.
2. When it reads 🙈 **Hidden**, the app is not visible in screen share.
3. A banner confirms the current state.

SS-18

The “screen is / is not being shared” banner

Screenshot the reveal/hide confirmation banner.

Important

This feature needs Windows 10 version 2004 or newer. On older systems a warning appears and the app remains visible in screen share.

PRIVACY & WINDOW

17. Pass-through mode

Let your clicks go to the app behind Lumen AI (so the overlay doesn't block it).

1. Click **Pass-through**, or press `Ctrl+Alt+M`.
2. While ON, clicks pass through to whatever is behind the overlay.
3. A small badge reminds you how to take control back.
4. Press `Ctrl+Alt+M` again to interact with Lumen AI normally.

SS-19

The Pass-through ON badge

Screenshot the pass-through indicator.

PRIVACY & WINDOW

18. Moving, hiding & transparency

Move the window

- Drag the 🧠 **Lumen AI** brand pill, or use `Ctrl+Alt+↑ ↓ ← →`.

Hide / show

- Click **Hide** in the top bar, or press `Ctrl+Alt+\` to toggle the whole window.

Transparency

- Drag the brightness slider in the panel header.
- Or press `Ctrl+Alt+PgUp` (more opaque) / `Ctrl+Alt+PgDn` (more transparent).
- The range runs from soft (very see-through) to fully opaque.

SS-20

The brightness / transparency slider in the panel header

Screenshot the transparency slider.

SETTINGS

19. Settings overview

Open ⚙ **Settings** from the top bar. Settings is an in-window panel with tabs across the top. Click a tab to switch sections; use ← **Back** or ✕ to return.

SS-21

The Settings panel with the full tab strip

Screenshot the Settings screen showing all tabs.

Tab	Purpose
Persona	Profile, resume, guidelines
Style	Appearance & transparency
Sound	Audio / microphone
Speech	Response language
Vision	Screen capture (OCR)
Keys	AI provider keys & models
Activation	License management
Research	Web-search assist
Speed	Response speed / length
Hotkeys	Keyboard shortcuts
Advanced	Portal URL, clear data

SETTINGS

20. Settings — Persona

Controls who the assistant thinks you are and how it answers. See §8 for full setup.

- **Profile Type** — the kind of interview or meeting.
- **Upload Resume** — PDF / Word / text / image; answers draw on your real experience.
- **Answer as me (first person)** — phrases answers ready to say aloud.
- **Extra Details** — job description, company, achievements.
- **Guidelines** — free-text instructions added to the system prompt.

SS-22

Settings → Persona

Screenshot the Persona page.

SETTINGS

21. Settings — Style

- **Background Transparency** — slide from soft (see-through) to opaque.
- Theme / appearance options for the overlay.

SS-23

Settings → Style with the transparency slider

Screenshot the Style page.

SETTINGS

22. Settings — Sound

- Choose which audio Lumen AI listens to (microphone and/or other participant).
- Tune detection sensitivity / silence handling.

SS-24

Settings → Sound

Screenshot the Sound page.

SETTINGS

23. Settings — Speech

- Pick the **response language** for answers.

SS-25

Settings → Speech (response language)

Screenshot the Speech page.

SETTINGS

24. Settings — Vision

- Screen-capture (OCR) options that control how the **Analysis** feature reads your screen.

SS-26

Settings → Vision

Screenshot the Vision page.

SETTINGS

25. Settings — Keys

- Add one or more **AI provider keys** (Claude, OpenAI, Gemini, Groq, …).
- Select a **model** and **Test** the connection.
- Providers are tried in order, so you can set a fallback.

SS-27

Settings → Keys

Screenshot the Keys page.

SETTINGS

26. Settings — Activation

- See your **Device ID**, plan and days remaining.
- **Activate**, ⟳ **Check now**, 🌐 **Open portal**, or **Unlink this PC**.

SS-28

Settings → Activation

Screenshot the Activation page.

SETTINGS

27. Settings — Research

- Web-search assist options to enrich answers with up-to-date information.

SS-29

Settings → Research

Screenshot the Research page.

SETTINGS

28. Settings — Speed

- Tune the balance between **speed** and **answer length / depth**.

SS-30

Settings → Speed

Screenshot the Speed page.

SETTINGS

29. Settings — Hotkeys

- View every keyboard shortcut and its action.
- Click a shortcut to rebind it; reset to defaults if needed.

SS-31

Settings → Hotkeys

Screenshot the Hotkeys page.

SETTINGS

30. Settings — Advanced

- **Portal Connection** — the user-portal URL used for licensing.
- **Test Connection** — verify the portal is reachable.
- **Clear All Local Data** — permanently delete keys, preferences and history.

SS-32

Settings → Advanced (Portal URL, Clear All Local Data)

Screenshot the Advanced page.

Warning

Clearing data cannot be undone and removes your API keys and session history.

REFERENCE

31. Keyboard shortcuts

Global shortcuts work from any app, even in pass-through mode. Change them in **Settings** → **Hotkeys**.

Shortcut	Action
`Ctrl+Alt+M`	Pass-through mode
`Ctrl+Alt+H`	Screen-share hiding
`Ctrl+Alt+\`	Show / hide window
`Ctrl+Alt+↑/↓/←/→`	Move the window
`Ctrl+Alt+PgUp`	More opaque
`Ctrl+Alt+PgDn`	More transparent
`Ctrl+Alt+[`	Previous answer
`Ctrl+Alt+]`	Next answer
`Ctrl+Alt+Enter`	Ask next step (screenshot & analyse)
`Ctrl+Alt+C`	Copy current answer
`Ctrl+Shift+I`	Start / stop interview (app focused)

Print this page

as a quick-reference card and keep it nearby.

REFERENCE

32. Help & Shortcuts panels

Both open as in-window side panels (not separate windows). Use ← **Back** or ✕ to return.

- **? Help** — getting started, window controls, and license tips.
- ⌨ **Shortcuts** — the full keyboard-shortcut list.

SS-33

The in-window Help panel

Screenshot the Help side panel.

SS-34

The in-window Shortcuts panel

Screenshot the Shortcuts side panel.

REFERENCE

33. Best practices

- **Prepare your profile first.** Upload your resume and paste the job description before the interview.
- **Position the window** where your eyes naturally rest, and fade it so it's comfortable but readable.
- **Hide from screen share** before joining the call (check the banner).
- **Use answers as a guide,** not a script — speak in your own words.
- **Mute** when you don't need listening, to avoid false detections.
- **Practice the shortcuts** so you can move, hide and navigate without looking.
- **Test your API key** ahead of time with the **Test** button.

SS-35

A comfortably positioned, semi-transparent overlay during a call

Optional: screenshot your preferred overlay placement.

REFERENCE

34. Example scenarios

Scenario A — A spoken behavioural question

1. Interviewer asks: “Tell me about a challenging project.”
2. Lumen AI detects the question and shows a STAR-structured answer from your resume.
3. You glance at the key points and answer naturally.

Scenario B — A coding question on screen

1. A coding prompt appears in the shared editor.
2. You press `Ctrl+Alt+Enter` (Analysis).
3. Lumen AI reads the prompt and shows an explanation plus sample code.

Scenario C — You want to ask something yourself

1. Type “Give me 3 questions to ask the interviewer” in the bottom bar.
2. Press `Enter` and read the suggestions.

SS-36

Any of the scenarios above in action

Optional: screenshot a real example.

REFERENCE

35. Frequently asked questions

Do I need my own AI key?

Yes. Add at least one provider key in **Settings** → **Keys**.

Can others see Lumen AI when I share my screen?

Not when **Reveal** shows “Hidden” (requires Windows 10 v2004+). You always see it yourself.

Does it work offline?

No — answers and license checks need an internet connection.

Where are my API keys stored?

Locally on your PC. They are never shown in full on screen.

Can I use it on two computers?

Each device needs to be linked to your license. Use **Unlink this PC** to move it.

Why did the activation screen come back?

Your plan is no longer active, or the license couldn't be verified. Use ⟳ **Check now**.

Can I change the keyboard shortcuts?

Yes, in **Settings** → **Hotkeys**.

How do I make the window less see-through?

Drag the brightness slider up, or press `Ctrl+Alt+PgUp`.

Can it answer in another language?

Yes — set the language in **Settings** → **Speech**.

How do I delete everything?

Settings → **Advanced** → **Clear All Local Data**, or uninstall the app.

REFERENCE

36. Troubleshooting

Problem	What to do
“No API key” / no answers	Add a key in **Settings** → **Keys** and click **Test**.
Activation keeps returning	Check internet and key via **Settings** → **Activation** → ⟳ **Check now**.
App still shows in screen share	Click 👁 **Reveal** so it reads “Hidden”. Needs Windows 10 v2004+.
Spoken questions not detected	Ensure it isn't **MUTED**; check **Settings** → **Sound**.
Window too transparent	Brightness slider up, or `Ctrl+Alt+PgUp`.
A shortcut doesn't respond	Another app may use it — change it in **Settings** → **Hotkeys**.
Can't click the app	Pass-through is on — press `Ctrl+Alt+M`.
Answers are too long / slow	Adjust **Settings** → **Speed**.
SmartScreen blocks the installer	Click **More info** → **Run anyway** (app is unsigned).
Analysis reads the wrong text	Make the question clearly visible; review **Settings** → **Vision**.

SS-37

Optional: a screenshot of an error banner you want to document

Add any error-state screenshot here.

REFERENCE

37. Glossary

Overlay

The floating Lumen AI window that sits on top of other apps.

Activation gate

The full-screen page that requires a valid license key before use.

Device ID

A unique identifier for this PC, used to link your license.

Reveal / Screen-share hiding

Toggles whether the app appears in screen sharing.

Pass-through

Lets mouse clicks go to the app behind the overlay.

Analysis

Capturing the screen and asking the AI about it.

Provider

An AI service (Claude, OpenAI, Gemini, Groq) that generates answers.

Model

A specific AI model offered by a provider.

OCR

Optical Character Recognition — reading text from a screen capture.

Session

One run of listening/answering, recorded in History.

REFERENCE

38. Uninstall & data

Uninstall

1. Open **Windows Settings → Apps → Installed apps**.
2. Find **Lumen AI** and choose ⋯ → **Uninstall**.
3. Confirm. The uninstaller also removes your saved local data.

Clear data without uninstalling

1. Open **Settings → Advanced**.
2. Click **Clear All Local Data** and confirm.
3. Restart the app when prompted.

SS-38

Windows “Installed apps” with Lumen AI selected

Screenshot the uninstall entry.
