

Ghotly AI User Guide

AI interview assistant for Windows: setup and reference

For the Windows app (64-bit Windows 10 and 11). Updated October 2026.

1. What is Ghotly AI?

Ghotly AI (also written Ghostly AI) is a Windows desktop app for interview practice and live calls. It sits on top of your call as a small overlay, transcribes the call audio with your Deepgram key, can read what is on your screen, and drafts answers with the AI provider and key you choose. It is made by Mahesh Shelke and the CloudBuild team in Pune, India.

YOUR KEYS AND YOUR DATA

- Your API keys stay on your PC, sealed by Windows (Electron safeStorage / DPAPI) for your Ghotly AI account. They are never sent to Ghotly AI.
- Call audio goes to Deepgram; prompts and screenshots go to the AI provider you picked.
- A resume you import is read on your PC and its text goes to your own AI provider. The resume file never reaches Ghotly AI.
- Resume details reach your account only when you press "Save to my account"; interviews only if you switch on "Sync interview history".

2. Requirements

- **Windows:** 64-bit Windows 10 (version 2004 or later) or Windows 11.
- **Keys:** a Deepgram key for live transcription and a key for at least one AI provider (section 5).
- **Other platforms:** macOS: coming soon. Linux: not planned.

3. Install

1. Download the installer from <https://www.ghotlyai.in/download/> - the file is named ghostly-<version>-setup.exe.
2. Optional: check the file. In PowerShell, in the folder where you saved it, run the command below with your file's version number, and compare the result with the SHA-256 checksum shown on the Download page.

```
Get-FileHash .\ghostly-<version>-setup.exe -Algorithm SHA256
```

3. Run the installer. It adds a Ghostly shortcut to your desktop.

4. Sign in and your PCs

- Press "Login with Ghotly AI" in the app. Your browser opens; choose your Google account and confirm. The app signs in through the browser (RFC 8252 loopback sign-in with PKCE), so it never sees your Google password.
- The app keeps its sign-in on this PC, sealed by Windows. When another PC is added to your account, we email you.
- One account can be used on up to 3 PCs. To make room, remove a PC under Account > PCs & security (<https://www.ghotlyai.in/account/?tab=devices>). A removed PC is signed out.

5. API keys

Ghotly AI is bring-your-own-key: you create keys with the providers and pay them directly for usage beyond any free tier. The Rs 49 plan does not include AI usage.

1. After you sign in, the setup screen asks for a Deepgram key and a key for at least one AI provider.
2. Paste each key and press Test Key. The app checks it with a small request to that provider.
3. Press Save & Continue. You can change keys later under Settings > API Keys.

Keys are sealed for your Windows user on this PC: on a new PC, or after reinstalling Windows, enter them again.

SERVICE	WHAT IT DOES	MODELS IN THE APP	COST
Deepgram	Live speech-to-text (required)	Nova-2	Billed by Deepgram; check its current pricing and any credit for new accounts
Groq	AI answers (text only)	GPT-OSS 120B, GPT-OSS 20B	Free tier; check current limits
Gemini	AI answers and screenshots	Gemini 3.6 Flash, 3.8 Flash, 3.1 Flash-Lite	Free tier; check current limits
OpenRouter	AI answers	Auto (best free) and a list of free models	Free models; check current limits
NVIDIA	AI answers (text only)	Llama 3.1 Nemotron 70B, Mixtral 8x22B, DeepSeek V4.1 Flash	Free tier; check current limits
OpenAI	AI answers	GPT-5.6 Sol, Terra and Luna; GPT-4o	Paid API key
Anthropic	AI answers	Claude Sonnet 5, Opus 5, Haiku 4.5, Sonnet 5.5	Paid API key
Grok (xAI)	AI answers	Grok 4.6, 4.5, 4.3	Paid API key

One AI provider is active at a time. If it runs out of quota, the app can switch to another provider you added a key for. Providers change their free tiers and prices; check their current terms.

6. The overlay and screen sharing

On Windows 10 (version 2004 or later) and Windows 11 the overlay sets this Windows flag:

```
SetWindowDisplayAffinity(hwnd, WDA_EXCLUDEFROMCAPTURE)
```

It asks Windows to leave the overlay out of screen capture and recording. It is an operating-system feature, so results depend on how the app you share with captures your screen.

Test first: try screen sharing in your own video-call app with a practice call before you rely on it.

- **Opacity:** set it in Settings (20% to 100%).
- **Position:** the overlay stays on top of other windows; Ctrl + arrow keys move it.

7. Call audio

- The app transcribes the call audio playing on your PC (Windows system-audio loopback) with your Deepgram key.
- With Auto AI Answer on (Interview Setup), the app answers once the speaker goes silent; Ctrl + 0 sends the transcript at once.
- If the transcript stays empty, make sure the call plays through your default Windows playback device.

8. Keyboard shortcuts

The default shortcuts are global: they work while another window has focus. Change them in Settings > Shortcuts; if another app already uses a combination, the app tells you it could not register it.

SHORTCUT	ACTION	WHAT IT DOES
Ctrl + E	Screenshot	Captures your screen and asks the AI about it (also Ctrl + Shift + S).
Ctrl + Enter	Ask AI	Asks the AI about the current context.
Ctrl + 0	Send to AI	Sends the live transcript now, without waiting for the silence detector.
Ctrl + N	Next question	Saves the current question and answer to history and clears the screen.
Ctrl + B	Show / hide	Shows or hides the overlay (also Ctrl + Shift + H).
Ctrl + G	Start over	Resets the session: transcript, screenshots and Q&A.
Ctrl + 8	Scroll up	Goes back to the previous question or answer page.
Ctrl + 2	Scroll down	Moves forward to the next question or answer page.
Ctrl + arrow keys	Move	Moves the overlay window. These are fixed and cannot be changed.

9. Resume details

1. In the desktop app, open Interview Setup > Profile and choose your resume (PDF, DOCX, TXT or an image). The file is read on your PC.
2. Its text goes to your own AI provider (or, if that one is out of quota, another provider you added a key for), which fills in your profile. For a scan or photo the app asks before it sends the page images; you can also paste the text instead.
3. The details are saved on your PC. They reach your Ghotly AI account only when you press "Save to my account".
4. On the website, Account > Resume details (<https://www.ghotlyai.in/account/?tab=resume>) is a plain text form for the saved details. The website does not read resume files.

10. Coding questions and screenshots

- Put the problem on screen and press Ctrl + E. The app captures the screen and sends the image to your AI provider.
- Groq and NVIDIA models are text-only; for a screenshot the app can use another provider you added a key for.
- For coding questions the app asks the AI for the key idea and its complexity first, then complete code.

11. Plan, free minutes and support

- **Free minutes:** every account gets 10 free minutes once. A free session starts with a short sponsor ad.
- **Plan:** Rs 49 for one calendar month, paid once. Nothing renews automatically. Paid sessions have no ads.
- **PCs:** up to 3 PCs per account.
- **Support:** every signed-in account can open support tickets; Pro members are in a priority queue.
- **Jobs:** Pro members can open every job on <https://www.ghotlyai.in/jobs/> (the full description and the employer's apply link).

12. Troubleshooting

PROBLEM	WHAT TO DO
Overlay not showing	Press Ctrl + B (or Ctrl + Shift + H). The app also has an icon in the Windows notification area.
Transcript is empty	Test your Deepgram key in Settings, and make sure the call plays through your default Windows playback device.

PROBLEM	WHAT TO DO
429 / rate limit errors	A free tier ran out of quota. The app can switch to another provider you added a key for; you can also pick another provider in Settings.
All 3 PC places taken	Remove a PC under Account > PCs & security (https://www.ghotlyai.in/account/?tab=devices).
Keys gone after reinstalling Windows	Keys are sealed for your Windows user on that PC. Enter them again.
A shortcut does nothing	Another app may use the same combination. Change it in Settings > Shortcuts.

13. Use it responsibly

Ghotly AI is intended for interview preparation and practice. You are responsible for following the rules of any company, exam or interview platform you use it with; many employers do not allow outside help. Ghotly AI does not guarantee interview results or job offers. Terms of use: <https://www.ghotlyai.in/terms/>

LINKS AND SUPPORT

- Website: <https://www.ghotlyai.in>
- Guide and demo video: <https://www.ghotlyai.in/how-to/>
- Support: <https://www.ghotlyai.in/support/> or support@ghotlyai.in
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@GhotlyAi>
- Installers on GitHub: <https://github.com/Maheshshelke05/ghostly-releases>