

R.I.V.E.R.

User guide

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1. What R.I.V.E.R. is

R.I.V.E.R. is a control center for your Windows PC: real working terminals, your PC's status live around them and, in the Pro Edition, voice control that runs entirely on your PC.



- **Terminals:** up to 10 at once (PowerShell, command prompt or an AI: Claude Code, Codex (OpenAI), GitHub Copilot CLI or Google Antigravity CLI), as tabs, tiles or cascade.
- **Panels:** system, drives, network and connection drops, processes, Windows security, your scheduled tasks and network devices, priorities and agenda.
- **Voice (Pro Edition):** “Hey River” to control the program, dictate and run your own commands.
- **Themes:** 3 styles (HUD, Glass and Minimal) with 5 palettes each, a color editor and a matching Windows desktop. The Pro Edition adds 2 more styles: Neon and Observatory.

2. Requirements

	Minimum	Recommended
System	64-bit Windows 10 or 11	same
Processor	2 cores (4 for voice without a graphics card)	6 cores or more
Memory	4 GB (8 GB with the Pro Edition)	16 GB
Graphics card	Not needed	Vulkan-compatible, 2 GB of video memory or more
Disk	200 MB (500 MB with voice)	1 GB
Screen	1280×720	1920×1080 or larger

Internet is only needed to activate the license, check for updates and download the voice model and theme desktops once, and, if you ask, your AI's program from its company's website (“Set up your AI”). What you write down and your voice never leave your PC.

3. Install and activate

Run the installer. If Windows warns that it's an unrecognized app, click “More info” and “Run anyway”. The first time you open R.I.V.E.R. you'll see this window:

If you install it from the Microsoft Store, that warning doesn't appear: the Store installs and signs it. The license is the same (key or 7-day trial).



- **License key:** it's in your purchase email (RIVER-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX).
- **Free trial:** 7 days of the full Pro Edition, once per PC.
- **2 PCs per license.** To move it to another one, go to Settings › License and press “Free this PC” (at most 3 changes every 30 days; a PC that hasn't connected for more than 60 days frees its slot automatically).
- The license is checked online at least once every 60 days: offline it keeps working for up to 60 days and renews by itself when there's internet.
- **If the license expires** (end of the trial, 60 days offline), your open terminals keep working. A notice appears at the top with “Enter my key”. You just can't open new terminals.
- **Upgrade to Pro:** with the Standard Edition, go to Settings › License and press “Upgrade to Pro”. The website opens and you only pay the difference.
- **Lost your key?** At riverhud.com/recuperar we'll resend it to your purchase email. 14-day refund and terms at riverhud.com/condiciones.

4. Setting up your AI

R.I.V.E.R. gets a terminal AI ready for you with almost no typing: Claude Code, Codex (OpenAI), GitHub Copilot CLI or Google Antigravity CLI. Each one is a service from its own company, independent of R.I.V.E.R., with its own account and terms; R.I.V.E.R. isn't affiliated with any of them: it only helps you install one and open it in a terminal. If none is ready, “Which AI do you use?” appears when you open R.I.V.E.R. It's also always in Settings › General › “Set up your AI”, and it appears by itself if you open the terminal of an AI that isn't on your PC yet.



Pick yours. Before the “Start” button, R.I.V.E.R. tells you where it's downloaded from, that it's installed in your Windows user account without administrator permissions and that its folder is added to your user PATH (the list of folders where Windows looks for programs). Nothing is installed until you press the button. The steps are the same for all of them:

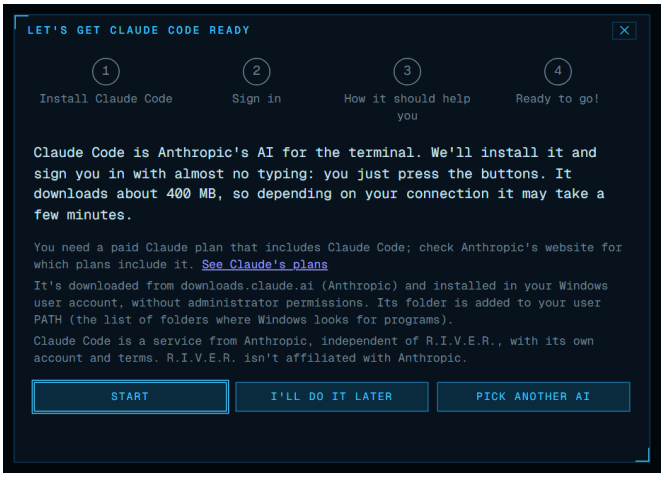
- **1. Install:** R.I.V.E.R. downloads it from its company's official website, checks that it's genuine (its fingerprint and its company's Windows signature; without it, nothing is installed) and installs it in your user account. A little over 1 GB of free disk space is needed (1.5 GB for Codex). You can cancel while it downloads or checks; not while it's being put in place, so it's never left half-done. If you already had it installed, R.I.V.E.R. uses yours and doesn't install another.
- **2. Sign in:** your browser opens so you can sign in with that AI's account. For Claude Code and Codex it's done in this step; GitHub Copilot CLI and Google Antigravity CLI ask you the first time you open them (the last step explains it).
- **3. How it should help you:** three questions (what you use it for, how much you know about computers and how you prefer answers). With them R.I.V.E.R. writes its starting instructions in its work folder: CLAUDE.md for Claude Code and AGENTS.md for the other three. You can skip it, and if you already had your own instructions they're left untouched.
- **4. Ready to go!:** “Open” opens your first terminal of that AI. You can tick it to open every time you open R.I.V.E.R.



Each AI works in its own folder, inside your user folder: “claude” (can be changed in Settings › General), “codex”, “copilot” and “antigravity”. The “finished” and “asking for permission” alerts and the plan usage panel only work with Claude Code; with the others, the terminal works like any other.

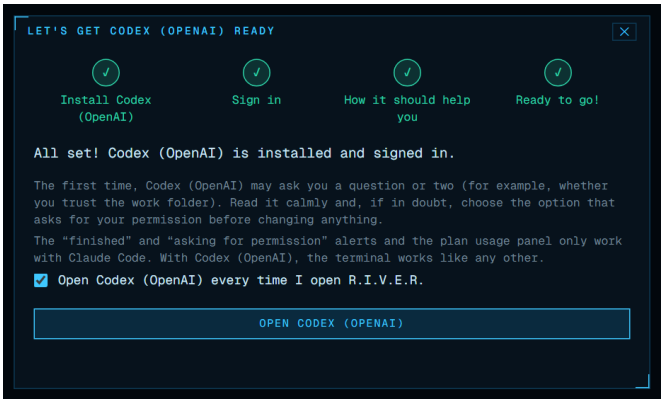
Claude Code

By Anthropic; downloaded from downloads.claude.ai. **You need a paid Claude plan that includes Claude Code**: check Anthropic's website for which plans include it. With the free account, Claude Code doesn't work in the terminal: the last step tells you and takes you to claude.ai to change your plan. When signing in, if the page shows you a code, copy it and paste it into R.I.V.E.R. The first time, Claude Code asks a couple of questions (colours and whether you trust the work folder): press Enter on each one.



Codex (OpenAI)

Codex is OpenAI's agent for the terminal and you use it with your ChatGPT account. What's installed is Codex: the regular ChatGPT chat doesn't connect to R.I.V.E.R. **You need a ChatGPT account**: check OpenAI's website for which plans include Codex. R.I.V.E.R. uses OpenAI's official installer (downloaded from OpenAI's official websites, chatgpt.com and releases.openai.com, and it may use github.com as a fallback; its signature is checked first, and codex.exe's afterwards) and, if you don't have its settings file yet, asks Codex to keep your sign-in in Windows Credential Manager if Windows allows it (otherwise, in a text file). When signing in, the browser opens: sign in with your ChatGPT account and accept; R.I.V.E.R. carries on by itself.



GitHub Copilot CLI

By GitHub; downloaded from github.com. **You need a GitHub account with access to GitHub Copilot**: check GitHub's website for which plans include it. If your GitHub Copilot comes from a company, the company must allow GitHub Copilot CLI. GitHub also requires **PowerShell 7**, from Microsoft: if your PC doesn't have it, R.I.V.E.R. downloads it from github.com/PowerShell (checked the same way, with Microsoft's signature) and installs it in your user account too. That PowerShell 7 doesn't update itself: to keep it up to date, install “PowerShell” from the Microsoft Store whenever you like. If PowerShell 7 can't be installed, GitHub Copilot CLI isn't marked as ready: press “Try again” or follow the by-hand guide below. The first time you press “Open”, GitHub Copilot CLI gives you a one-time code (copied to the clipboard by itself) and opens github.com/login/device in your browser: sign in to your GitHub account, paste the code with Ctrl+V and authorize GitHub Copilot CLI; then it carries on in the terminal.



Google Antigravity CLI

Antigravity is a Google program and its use is governed by Google's terms (antigravity.google/terms). R.I.V.E.R. downloads it from Google, checks that it's genuine and opens it in a terminal: from then on you use it directly, with your personal Google account.

Downloaded from storage.googleapis.com. **It needs a personal Google account**; Google Workspace plans don't include Antigravity (Google has separate options for businesses). Check Google's website for its plans and terms. The first time you open it, the browser opens so you can sign in; then it carries on in the terminal.

If the assistant fails: doing it by hand

You'll rarely need it, but just in case. Download each program only from its company's official website (check the address carefully) and, if that website gives you a PowerShell command to paste (the ones with “irm … | iex”), copy it only from there: never paste a command like that from an email, a video or someone else's site, because it runs whatever is at that address. When you're done, close R.I.V.E.R. completely and open it again

so it finds the new AI.

- **Claude Code:** at code.claude.com/docs (Anthropic) look for “Install” › Windows and follow its steps. Then, in a R.I.V.E.R. PowerShell terminal, type **claude** and follow the steps to sign in.
- **Codex (OpenAI):** at learn.chatgpt.com/docs (OpenAI) look for the CLI installation for Windows and follow its steps. Then type **codex login** in a R.I.V.E.R. PowerShell terminal and sign in with your ChatGPT account.
- **GitHub Copilot CLI:** at github.com/github/copilot-cli/releases, in the latest version (Latest), download **copilot-win32-x64.zip** (or copilot-win32-arm64.zip on ARM PCs) and unzip it into **%LOCALAPPDATA%\Programs\copilot-cli** (the same folder R.I.V.E.R. uses; copilot.exe must end up inside it). Add that folder to your user PATH: open Settings, search for “environment variables”, choose “Edit environment variables for your account”, select Path, press Edit and then New, paste %LOCALAPPDATA%\Programs\copilot-cli and press OK in both windows. GitHub requires PowerShell 7: the simplest way is to install “PowerShell” (by Microsoft Corporation) from the Microsoft Store, which updates itself; you can also use Microsoft's official zip or MSI explained at learn.microsoft.com (the MSI needs administrator rights). Then type **copilot login** in a R.I.V.E.R. PowerShell terminal: it gives you a one-time code (copied by itself); paste it with Ctrl+V at github.com/login/device and authorize.
- **Google Antigravity CLI:** at antigravity.google look for the CLI installation for Windows and follow its steps, copying the command only from that website. Then type **agy** in a R.I.V.E.R. PowerShell terminal: the browser opens so you can sign in.
- **Did it work?** Type its name with **--version** (for example, **codex --version**): if a version number appears, it's there. If it says “is not recognized as the name of a cmdlet”, close R.I.V.E.R. completely and open it again; if it persists, restart the PC.

When you uninstall R.I.V.E.R.

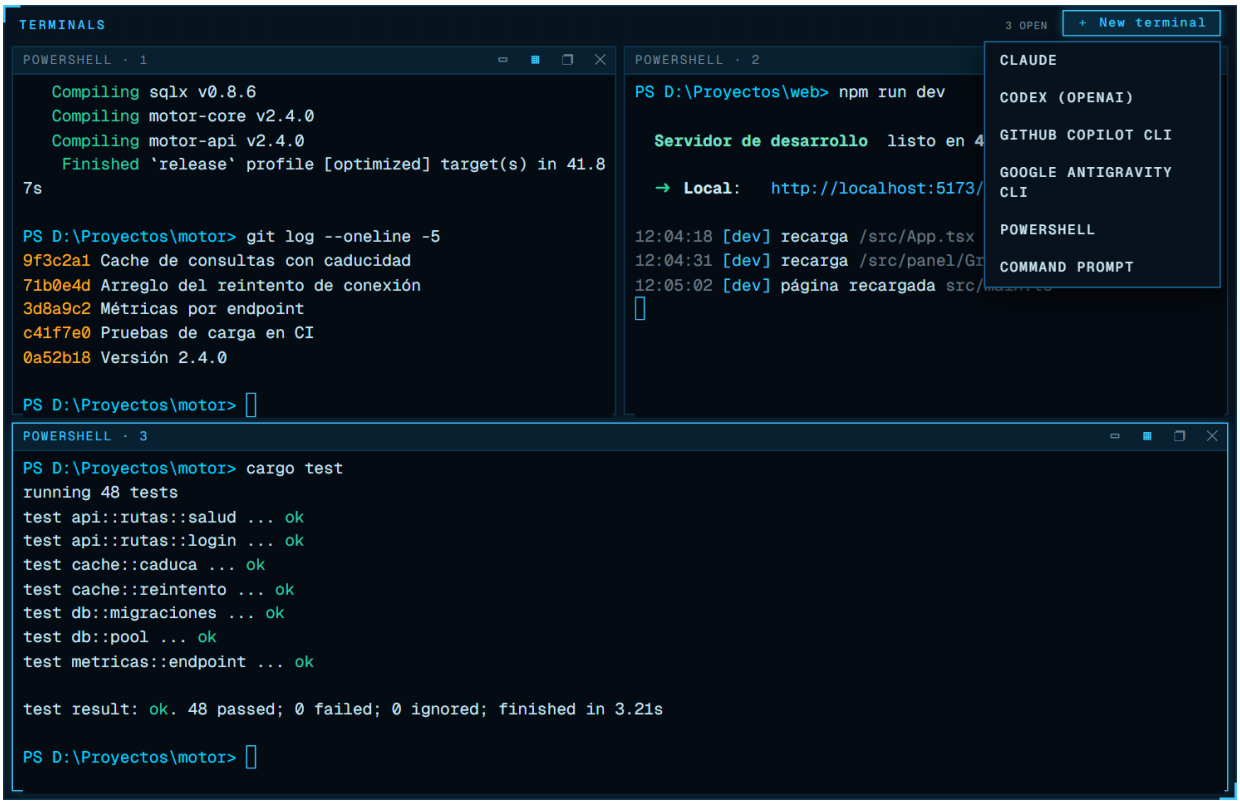
These programs stay on your PC: they belong to their companies and are uninstalled separately, as each one says on its website. If you want to remove the ones R.I.V.E.R. installed: delete their folder (Claude Code: “.local\bin\claude.exe” and “.local\share\claude” inside your user folder; Codex: “.codex\packages” in your user folder and “%LOCALAPPDATA%\Programs\OpenAI\Codex”; GitHub Copilot CLI: “%LOCALAPPDATA%\Programs\copilot-cli”; PowerShell 7: “%LOCALAPPDATA%\Programs\PowerShell7”; Google Antigravity CLI: “%LOCALAPPDATA%\agy”) and, in Windows, search for “Edit environment variables for your account”, open “Path” and remove its line. Their accounts and subscriptions are cancelled on each company's website.

More detail, step by step, on the support website. The AIs, their plans and their screens belong to their companies and may change with their updates.

5. The screen

Terminals

Press “+ New terminal” (or Ctrl+Shift+T) and choose PowerShell, Command Prompt or an AI (Claude Code, Codex (OpenAI), GitHub Copilot CLI or Google Antigravity CLI). Each terminal has its own buttons on top: one at a time, tiles, cascade and close. In tiles, drag a terminal by its bar and drop it on another to swap them. In Claude terminals, the topic of what that session is doing shows next to the number (Claude sums it up by itself); to name it yourself, double-click its bar, type the name and press Enter (empty goes back to automatic). Claude terminals open in your “claude” folder (inside your user folder; created automatically; you can pick another in Settings › General › “Claude terminals folder”): the first time, Claude asks whether you trust it; choose “Yes, I trust this folder” and it won't ask again. Every key, including the ones inside each terminal, is in “Keyboard and shortcuts”.



Copy, paste and open links

- **Copy:** select with the mouse and press Ctrl+C (or Ctrl+Shift+C). With nothing selected, Ctrl+C stops what the terminal is doing.
- **Paste:** Ctrl+V or Ctrl+Shift+V. In Claude it also pastes screenshots (Win + Shift + S, then Ctrl+V).
- **Like Windows Terminal:** in Settings › General › Terminals turn on “Copy on select” and “Right click” (pastes, or copies if text is selected).
- **Links:** web addresses in the terminal are underlined when you hover them. Click one: R.I.V.E.R. shows the address and asks before opening it in your browser.

Smoothness with many tasks at once

If you start heavy work from the terminals (builds, video, renders…), R.I.V.E.R. puts it behind you: R.I.V.E.R., what you type or say, Claude and the terminals come first, and the heavy work uses all the spare power, with no loss of quality. Other programs on the PC aren't touched. It's on by default; turn it off in Settings › General › Terminals › “Smoothness”.

Closing R.I.V.E.R.

If you close with terminals open (the ✕ button or Alt+F4), R.I.V.E.R. asks first and tells you how many there are and how many Claude ones are working. Press “Close” to close everything or “Don't close” to keep going.

Claude and terminal alerts

R.I.V.E.R. tells you when a terminal is waiting for you: it lights up and, if you're not looking at R.I.V.E.R., a Windows notification appears.

- **Claude finishes or asks for permission:** the terminal turns green (done) or orange (asking for permission).
- **Where it works:** in Claude terminals (■ New terminal › Claude) and also if you type “claude” yourself in a PowerShell or Command Prompt terminal.
- **Long commands:** in PowerShell and Command Prompt, if a command takes 10 seconds or more, the terminal turns green when it ends. Quick ones don't alert.
- **To clear it:** go back to that terminal.
- **No Windows notification:** in Settings › Alerts, untick the Windows notification.
- R.I.V.E.R. doesn't change your Claude settings: it only adds them to the sessions opened in it.

Your Claude plan usage

The Claude panel shows how much of your 5-hour window and your week you've used, and when each one resets. It fills in by itself as soon as Claude replies in a Claude terminal opened from R.I.V.E.R.; there's nothing else to install. It only works with a Claude Pro or Max plan: with an API key, Claude doesn't provide that data and the panel says so. If you already had your own status line in Claude, it still shows as before. To stop seeing it: “Got it, don't show again” in the panel, or Settings › Theme › “Show Claude plan usage”.

Today: priorities and agenda

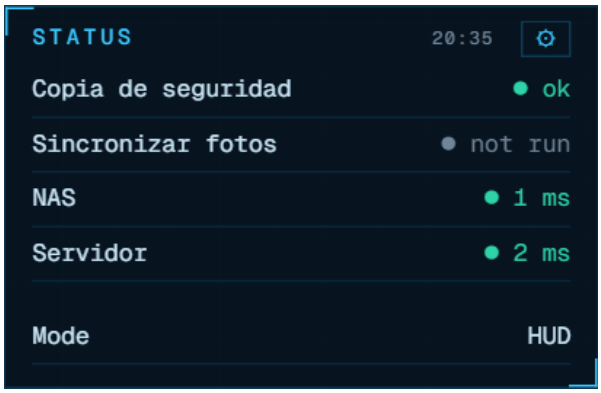
Write down your priorities (high, medium or low, with a date if you like) and your appointments. Ones due today or overdue are flagged automatically. Everything is saved only on your PC.

- **On-time alert:** with R.I.V.E.R. open (even minimized), at the time of each entry you get an alert in R.I.V.E.R. and a Windows notification.
- Upcoming entries are on top; past ones at the bottom, dimmed.
- To stop the alerts: Settings › Alerts › Agenda.



Status: your tasks and devices

In Settings › General choose what to watch: Windows Task Scheduler tasks and devices on your network (NAS, printer, server…). Without a port it uses ping; for a NAS port 445 usually works better. The Status panel shows in the Full layout.



Settings

The «■ Settings» button at the top right, or Ctrl+,. It has tabs:

- **General:** language, what opens at startup, copy and paste, shortcut cheat sheet, what to watch, user guide, support and your data.
- **Theme:** layout, style, palette, colors and matching desktop.
- **Voice:** all of voice control (Pro Edition).
- **Alerts:** Claude, terminal and agenda alerts.
- **License:** your edition, “Upgrade to Pro”, “Check my purchases” (so styles you buy on the website show up right away) and “Free this PC”.
- Esc closes Settings. With the keyboard: Tab to move and ← → to change tabs.

Calm mode

The “Calm mode” button (bottom right) removes animations and refreshes every 3 seconds: it uses even less.

6. Keyboard and shortcuts

R.I.V.E.R. shortcuts

Key	What it does
Ctrl+Shift+T	Opens a new terminal.
Ctrl+1 … Ctrl+9 · Ctrl+0	Goes to that terminal (the number is its position, as on the tabs); Ctrl+0 goes to the 10th.
Ctrl+Tab · Ctrl+Shift+Tab	Moves to the next or previous terminal.
Ctrl+C	Copies if text is selected; otherwise it goes to the terminal (stops whatever is running).
Ctrl+Shift+C	Always copies (never interrupts).
Ctrl+V · Ctrl+Shift+V	Pastes into the active terminal. If you copied an image (a screenshot), in a Claude terminal it hands it to Claude.
Ctrl+,	Opens Settings.
Esc	Closes Settings, questions and the priority and agenda forms.
Ctrl+Shift+M (Pro)	Mutes voice or turns it back on.
F8 · F9 · Esc (Pro)	Push to talk: F8 starts and, pressed again, finishes (in Claude it also sends); F9 finishes without sending; Esc cancels. Only with voice on: otherwise they reach the terminal. Change them in Settings › Voice.

This table is also inside the program: Settings › General › Shortcut cheat sheet (or say “Hey River, help”).

Inside a PowerShell or command prompt terminal

- ← → move the cursor along the line you're typing; ↑ ↓ bring back previous commands.
- **Tab** completes folder, file and command names.

Inside a Claude terminal

Claude has its own keys. The one that surprises people most: **pressing ← with the input box empty switches screens**. Nothing is broken and the conversation isn't closed: Claude moves it to the background (it keeps working) and opens its agent view, the list of its sessions. To go back, press **Esc** or **Enter** on its row. If there's text typed, ← and → only move the cursor.

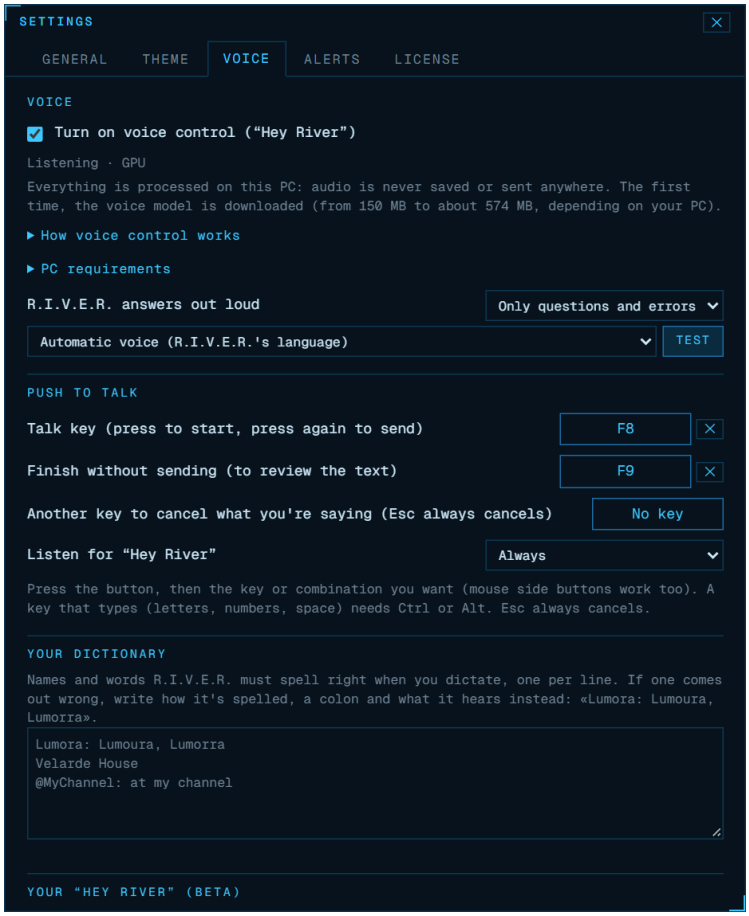
Key	What it does in Claude
← →	Move the cursor through what you type. With the box empty, ← opens agent view (Esc brings you back). In menus and permission prompts, they switch tabs.
↑ ↓	Bring back messages you already sent. In a menu, they move through the options.
Esc	Stops Claude mid-answer (keeps what's done) or closes the open menu. On a permission prompt, it means “No”.
Esc Esc	With text typed, clears it. With the box empty, opens the menu to go back to an earlier point in the conversation.
Shift+Tab	Changes the permission mode (how much Claude can do without asking you).
Ctrl+C	Interrupts; if nothing is running, clears your text and a second press closes Claude.
Ctrl+R	Searches the messages you already sent.

These keys belong to Claude, not R.I.V.E.R., and may change with its updates. Type /help inside Claude to see its full list.

7. Voice control (Pro Edition)

Turning it on

In Settings › Voice tick “Turn on voice control”. The first time, the voice model is downloaded (150-265 MB without a graphics card, about 574 MB with one). When the VOICE button at the bottom is green, R.I.V.E.R. is listening. Everything is processed on your PC: audio is never saved or sent.



How to talk to R.I.V.E.R.

Say “Hey River” and the command in one go. You can also say “Hey River”, wait for the beep and then say the command.

- **If R.I.V.E.R. asks:** wait for the question to finish and answer short: “yes” or “no”. A long sentence or one with a “no” in it doesn't count as “yes”.
- **With “no” it does nothing:** “Hey River, don't deploy yet” or “don't close the terminal” aren't run. R.I.V.E.R. answers “OK, I won't”.

Say “Hey River, …”	What it does
open a terminal (PowerShell / Claude / Codex / Copilot / Antigravity / command prompt)	Opens a new terminal of that kind.
go to terminal 2	Switches to that terminal (the number is its position).
close terminal 2	Asks first; close it with a short “yes”.
tiles · cascade · maximize	Arranges the terminals.
calm mode · HUD mode	Less animation and refresh every 3 s, or normal mode.

Say “Hey River, …”	What it does
write	Starts dictating into the active terminal. Finish with “Hey River, send” (sends it), “stop” (leaves it typed) or “delete”.
send · delete	Presses Enter / Esc in the active terminal. If Claude is asking for permission, R.I.V.E.R. asks first.
minimize	Minimizes R.I.V.E.R.
mute	Stops listening until you press VOICE or Ctrl+Shift+M.
help	Shows every command, yours included, and opens the shortcut cheat sheet.

Dictating

“Hey River, write” opens a dictation box: what you say appears in the active terminal without being sent. Finish with “Hey River, send”, “stop” or “delete” (“delete the last one” removes only the last sentence).



Push to talk

- **Talk:** press F8 (no need to hold it), speak and press F8 again.
- **In Claude** what you said is typed and sent.
- **In PowerShell or Command Prompt** it's typed but not run: check it and press Enter.
- **Review it first (in Claude too):** finish with F9 instead of F8.
- **“Nothing heard”:** if it didn't hear you (muted mic, silence), R.I.V.E.R. says so and types nothing.
- **Made a mistake:** press Esc while speaking and nothing is typed.
- **Your keys:** in Settings › Voice › Push to talk you change F8 and F9 and can add another cancel key. Combinations and mouse side buttons work too.
- **Names spelled right:** in Settings › Voice › Your dictionary add the names you use, one per line. If R.I.V.E.R. mishears one, write how it's spelled, a colon and what it hears: “Lumora: Lumoura”.
- **Open Claude:** in a PowerShell terminal just say “Claude” and the command is typed. Dictation there has no trailing period.

- **Commands:** what you say with the key is typed as is. Commands (“River…”) are spoken without pressing anything; in “only when I press the key” mode, with the key too.

R.I.V.E.R. answers out loud

It uses the voices that come with Windows. Choose whether it always answers, only for questions and errors (the default) or never, and which voice. To hear it in English, add an English voice in Settings › Time & language › Speech.

Your own commands

In Settings › Voice › Your own commands, link a phrase to: typing text into the active terminal, running a command (in a new PowerShell or the active one) or opening a website (https only). Before running a command, R.I.V.E.R. asks (you can turn that off, but it's not recommended). Your commands are checked before the built-in ones.



Routines

A “Routine” command runs several steps in a row (up to 10): open a terminal, type and send (a command, or what you ask your assistant), change the layout, theme or mode, and open a website. Example: “Hey River, work mode” opens a Claude terminal and a PowerShell, types git status and tiles them. If the routine types and sends something, R.I.V.E.R. asks first.

Training your “Hey River” (beta)

Press “Train with my voice” and say “Hey River” 4 times. R.I.V.E.R. keeps a few numbers describing how you say it (not the audio) and only fully analyzes what sounds like your “Hey River”: fewer false alarms and less work for your PC. Other people may find it harder to wake it up. If it ever ignores you, train it again or delete it.

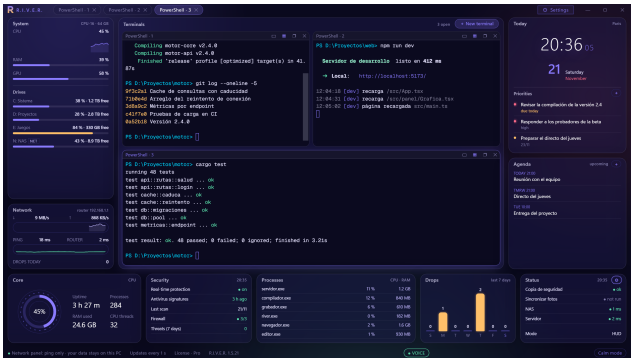
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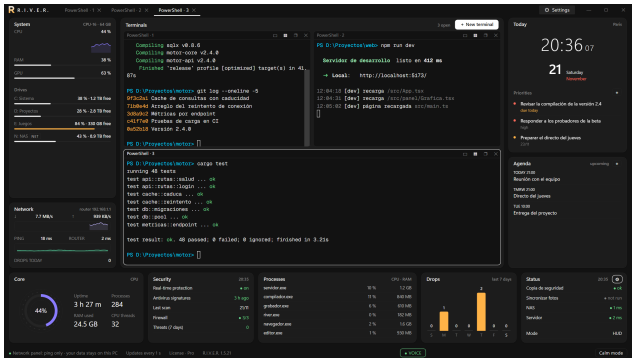
- Speak in your normal voice, less than a meter from the microphone.
- To stop listening: the VOICE button or Ctrl+Shift+M.
- With a graphics card it uses the largest voice model (about 574 MB), on the card itself; without one, voice runs on the processor: with 8 threads or more it uses a fuller model and, with fewer, a lighter one. How accurate and how fast it is depends on your voice, microphone, room and processor.

8. Themes and desktop

A theme is a **style** (the shape: panels, type, background and buttons) plus a **palette** (the colors). In Settings › Theme pick the style by clicking its preview: **HUD** (marked corners, grid and glow), **Glass** (translucent, rounded panels) or **Minimal** (flat, thin lines and clean type). Below it, its 5 palettes: HUD has Holo, Amber, Green, Red alert and Light; Glass, Aurora, Ocean, Coral, Pearl and Pink; Minimal, Graphite, Ink, White, Sand and Sage. It changes instantly, terminals included. With the Pro Edition (and in the free trial) there are two more styles: **Neon** (cut corners and strong glow; Cyber, Acid, Synthwave, Ice and Crimson) and **Observatory** (sober, data-driven; Observatory, Observatory light, Violet, Turquoise and Mars). In the Standard Edition they show the “Included in Pro” label. Their matching wallpapers and icons are ready; their animated wallpaper will come in an update.







Full or compact layout

In Settings › Theme › Layout choose how the screen is laid out. **Full** shows every panel. **Compact** removes the bottom row of panels (core, security, processes, drops and status) and narrows the side ones: the terminals get more room. **Automatic**, the default, uses compact on screens of 27 inches or less and full on larger ones, and decides again if you move R.I.V.E.R. to another monitor. In every layout, Settings is at the top right (the «■ Settings» button or Ctrl+,).

Creating your themes

Open “Edit colors” and change any of the 13 colors: you see it right away. To keep it, give it a name and press “Save as new theme” (your own themes save themselves as you edit). “Export…” saves the theme to a .rivertheme file to share, and “Import…” loads one. A theme is just colors: it can't contain programs or anything that runs.



Matching desktop

- **Set wallpaper:** sets the theme's wallpaper on all your screens (landscape or portrait as each needs).
- **Set icons:** changes the This PC, Recycle Bin, Network and user folder icons.
- **Animated wallpaper:** downloads the theme's videos and opens their folder so you can add them to an animated wallpaper app (there are free ones in the Windows store).
- **Put it back:** restores the wallpaper and icons you had. Uninstalling R.I.V.E.R. with the riverhud.com installer also restores the wallpaper and removes its icons.
- **If you installed it from the Microsoft Store:** before uninstalling it, press “Put it back”. The Store doesn't do it for you.


SETTINGS
GENERAL
THEME
VOICE
ALERTS
LICENSE
THEME
Layout
Automatic (by screen size)
Compact: only the side panels, narrower, and more room for the terminals. Vertical: the panels in a strip at the top and the terminals full width below. Automatic uses vertical on a rotated monitor and compact on screens of 27" or less (this one is 34"). Now: Full.
Show Claude plan usage
Each style changes the shape of everything (panels, type, background and buttons); the palette, the colors.
HUD
Marked corners, grid and glow.
Glass
Translucent panels, rounded corners and soft lights.
Minimal
No noise: lots of space, thin lines and clean type.
Neon
Cut corners, strong glow and slanted buttons.
Observatory
Sober and data-driven: brackets, mono labels and a colour stripe.
R.I.V.E.R. theme
Holo
Edit colors
IMPORT…
EXPORT…
A theme is colors plus one of the styles above: a .rivertheme file can't carry programs or anything that runs. Share them with anyone.
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9. Updates, data and privacy

R.I.V.E.R. checks for updates when it opens and every 6 hours. When there's one, a button appears at the bottom. Pressing it shows what's new and, if terminals are open, that they will close; it only installs if you say yes, never in the middle of your work. Every update is signed: the program rejects anything that doesn't come from us.

If you installed it from the Microsoft Store, that button doesn't appear: the Store installs updates for you, depending on how you've set it up (Microsoft Store › Library › Get updates).

What you write down (priorities, agenda, what to watch, your commands, themes) is stored on your PC and never sent anywhere. In Settings › General › Your data you see where it is and there are two buttons: “Delete priorities and agenda” (only those) and “Delete all my data and settings” (leaves R.I.V.E.R. as freshly installed; it asks first and doesn't touch the license). R.I.V.E.R. only connects for the license, updates, your connection's ping and one-time downloads (voice model and desktops).

10. Troubleshooting

Problem	What to do
Voice says “no microphone found”	Plug in the microphone and set it as default in Windows Settings › Sound. Then turn voice off and on.
“No connection to download the model”	Internet is only needed the first time. Check your connection and turn voice on again.
It doesn't understand me well	Move closer to the microphone, say “Hey River” clearly and try training it. “Hey River, help” shows the exact commands.
It wakes up on its own	Train your “Hey River” or mute voice with Ctrl+Shift+M when you're not using it.
“Nothing heard: is the mic muted?”	Check the microphone isn't muted (mic key or Windows Settings › Sound) and speak a bit closer.
It won't let me open new terminals	The license isn't active: press “Enter my key” in the notice at the top. Your open terminals keep working.
F8 or F9 do nothing in R.I.V.E.R.	They only work with voice on (Settings › Voice). With voice off they reach the terminal as usual.
“Connect to the internet” on the license	It's been offline for more than 60 days: connect and press “Retry”.
“This PC's date looks wrong”	Fix the Windows date and time (or connect) and press “Retry”.
The Claude terminal says it can't find “claude”	Claude isn't installed: Settings › General › “Set up your AI” › Claude installs it with one button.
“Set up your AI” doesn't finish signing in	Finish the steps in the browser and accept. With Claude, if the page gives you a code, paste it into R.I.V.E.R. and check that your Claude plan is a paid one. With Codex, check at chatgpt.com that you can sign in.
“Set up your AI” can't install my AI	Press “Try again”. If it fails again, follow “If the assistant fails: doing it by hand” in “Setting up your AI”.
GitHub Copilot CLI or Google Antigravity CLI ask me to sign in when I open them	That's normal the first time: sign in in the browser with your GitHub or (personal) Google account and come back to R.I.V.E.R.
In a Claude terminal, pressing ← jumps to another screen	It's Claude's agent view; the conversation keeps going in the background. Press Esc to go back (see “Keyboard and shortcuts”).
A desktop icon doesn't change	Windows caches icons: it updates after signing out and back in.

More questions? Write to us at hola@riverhud.com.

11. What's new

Version 1.5.21

Set up your AI: besides Claude Code, it now installs and sets up Codex (OpenAI), GitHub Copilot CLI and Google Antigravity CLI with your own account; terminals and voice for each one; step-by-step guides in the manual.

Previous versions

- **1.5.20** (2026-11-21): “Set up Claude”: cancelling sign-in also closes Claude when it's installed with npm.
- **1.5.19** (2026-11-21): New “Set up Claude” assistant: installs Claude, signs you in and lets you choose how it helps you, with almost no typing (Settings › General).
- **1.5.18** (2026-11-21): New in Settings › General: “Claude terminals folder”. Choose where Claude terminals open (by default, your “claude” folder).
- **1.5.17** (2026-11-21): Claude terminals open in your “claude” folder: Claude asks only once whether you trust it, and the notice no longer appears every session.
- **1.5.16** (2026-11-14): Claude panel: the 5-hour window row, which Claude no longer reports, now shows your weekly pace: forecast usage at reset and when you would hit the limit. With no data, the row is hidden.
- **1.5.15** (2026-11-14): Claude usage now updates instantly: the panel checks every 2 seconds and, as soon as the week resets, it shows 0% with the next reset date without waiting for Claude to be used.
- **1.5.14** (2026-11-12): Matching desktop downloads theme wallpapers and icons correctly again, and downloads are more reliable.
- **1.5.13** (2026-11-11): New desktop wallpapers for the Arcade style: Horizon and Neon. Installer agreement up to date.
- **1.5.12** (2026-11-10): Clearer voice requirement texts; installer terms up to date.
- **1.5.11** (2026-11-07): Claude panel: if your plan only has a weekly limit, the 5-hour window shows «n/a» instead of staying blank. Push to talk: anything you cancel is no longer typed, even if the phrase arrives late.
- **1.5.10** (2026-10-26): After /clear, the terminal name switches to the new topic instead of keeping the previous conversation's name.
- **1.5.9** (2026-10-23): Smoothness: with many tasks at once, River and what you type or say come first; heavy work you start from the terminals (builds, video, renders…) uses the spare power, with no loss of quality. It can be turned off in Settings › General.
- **1.5.8** (2026-10-23): Settings › Alerts and the user guide explain every alert: also with “claude” typed yourself in PowerShell or Command Prompt, and when a command takes 10 seconds or more. License agreement with the terms of 23/10/2026. In Windows, the program's publisher now shows as Riverhud, our trade name.
- **1.5.7** (2026-10-21): HUD themes get a new background: the R inside a ring and a scanner frame; in the animated background, the ring moves.
- **1.5.6** (2026-10-21): Desktop backgrounds for every theme with the new logo, in each theme's colors. Cleaner title bar R.
- **1.5.5** (2026-10-21): The logo R in the title bar now takes your theme's colors.
- **1.5.4** (2026-10-21): New logo: the glass R in the app icon, taskbar, title bar, Windows notifications and installer. Security: certificate libraries updated.
- **1.5.3** (2026-10-19): Voice control: music and songs in another language no longer trigger River (no false commands or “didn’t understand” notices).
- **1.5.2** (2026-10-19): Notifications in every terminal: in PowerShell and Command Prompt, if a command takes 10 seconds or more, the terminal turns green and a Windows notification appears. And if you type «claude» yourself in one of them, it also lets you know when it finishes or asks for permission.

- **1.5.1** (2026-10-18): Each Claude terminal shows what its session is about next to “CLAUDE · n”, and you can double-click the header to give it any name you like.
- **1.5.0** (2026-10-18): Two new styles in the Pro Edition: Neon (cut corners and glow) and Observatory (sober, data-driven), with 5 palettes each and matching wallpapers and icons. In the Standard Edition they show the “Included in Pro” label.
- **1.4.6** (2026-10-16): Dictation: the live preview no longer shows stray words before you start speaking.
- **1.4.5** (2026-10-16): Updates now come only from the new Cloudflare server, and every version must be signed with its own number.
- **1.4.4** (2026-10-16): Full review before release: safer (the Claude status bar never runs anything from downloaded folders), more reliable licensing, voice checks GPU, mic and disk space before downloading and types nothing when it hears nothing, F8/F9 only with voice on, routines that send to Claude, Ctrl+Shift+C/V, readable colours in every theme, tabbed Settings with a shortcut cheat sheet, a warning before closing with open terminals, agenda reminders, the uninstaller restores your wallpaper, works behind company proxies, and a 14-day refund.
- **1.4.3** (2026-10-16): Dictation: saying “Claude” types the command to open Claude in PowerShell terminals, with no trailing period. Clearer steps in the voice guide and the manual.
- **1.4.2** (2026-10-16): More accurate dictation: prices with € and times like 18:45, plus «Your dictionary» in Settings › Voice for your own names. When you finish push-to-talk, what you said is now also sent in Claude terminals.
- **1.4.1** (2026-10-16): Settings, easier to reach: a «■ Settings» button at the top right in every layout, and the Ctrl+, shortcut
- **1.4.0** (2026-10-16): Push to talk with any key or mouse button you choose (also to cancel), notifications when Claude finishes or asks for permission, routines, themes with style and palette (HUD, Glass and Minimal), compact and vertical views, up to 10 terminals, switch terminals with Ctrl+1…9 and Ctrl+Tab, a «Report a problem» button and security improvements.
- **1.3.4** (2026-10-06): Better English voice recognition and 7-day refund in the license agreement.
- **1.3.3** (2026-10-06): More accurate voice without a graphics card on PCs with 8 threads or more (99 % of commands understood in our tests) and better recognition of some commands.
- **1.3.2** (2026-10-06): The program now uses its own server, api.riverhud.com.
- **1.3.1** (2026-10-06): License agreement shown when installing and open-source component licenses in Settings › User guide.
- **1.3.0** (2026-10-06): Themes: 5 included (Holo, Amber, Green, Red alert and Light), color editor and .rivertheme import/export; matching desktop (per-screen wallpaper, icons and animated wallpaper) with “Put it back”; PDF user guide from Settings.
- **1.2.1** (2026-10-06): Much faster voice (especially without a graphics card), voice control guide and PC requirements in Settings.
- **1.2.0** (2026-10-06): Train your “Hey River” (beta), River answers out loud with Windows voices, your own commands (text, commands with confirmation and websites) and better recognition.
- **1.1.0** (2026-10-04): On-device voice control (“Hey River”), with a graphics card or just the processor: terminals, layout, dictation and confirmations.
- **1.0.0** (2026-10-03): First commercial version: licenses with a 7-day trial and 2 PCs, signed updates, program in Spanish and English.