

Kelnova Core 0.3.3-beta

Public Beta User Guide

Installation, personalization, privacy, local media, app control, voice commands, troubleshooting, and safe-use guidance.

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Welcome to Kelnova Core. This guide covers installation, first-time setup, every user-facing feature currently included in Core 0.3.3-beta, privacy behavior, voice commands, troubleshooting, and the known Beta limitations.

PUBLIC BETA NOTICE

Kelnova Core 0.3.3-beta is a public Beta. It has completed internal testing and limited outside-PC testing, but hardware, microphones, audio devices, Windows updates, and installed applications can behave differently from one computer to another.

The installer is not yet code-signed. Windows SmartScreen may show an Unknown Publisher warning. Only install Kelnova Core from a copy you trust.

QUICK START

1. Download Kelnova Core from the official Kelnova download page and extract the Public Beta ZIP.
2. Run Kelnova_Core_Setup_0.3.3-beta.exe and follow the Windows setup screens.
3. On first launch, personalize your Core: choose its name, wake word, your name, voice, voice settings, and optional thinking-music folder.
4. If the local AI engine is missing, setup can download it and prepare the Kelnova local model. Keep the setup window open and stay connected to the internet while this finishes.
5. Complete the five owner-voice enrollment samples when Core asks for them.
6. Say your wake word followed by a request to begin a conversation.
7. After the conversation starts, keep talking naturally without repeating the wake word before every sentence.

0.3.3 HIGHLIGHTS

- Faster dual-brain routing for simple requests while keeping complex actions and reasoning on the primary local model path.
- Better contextual command chaining, corrections, cancel, and undo behavior.
- Improved app discovery and control.
- Local media discovery across connected drives.
- Generic play/watch requests prefer a matching local audio/video file before using YouTube as a fallback.
- Local video pause, resume, fullscreen, and "Close video" controls.
- Persistent voice-controlled interface colors with the locked 60 FPS interface.

1. BEFORE INSTALLATION

- Windows 10 or Windows 11, 64-bit.
- A working microphone.
- Speakers or headphones.
- Internet access for first-time local-model setup, online voice generation, web features, and loading the online voice catalog.
- Several gigabytes of free storage may be needed for the local AI engine/model.
- Save important work before testing application-closing or PC-power commands.

Kelnova Core does NOT automatically start with Windows in this Beta.

2. FIRST-TIME PERSONALIZATION

The setup window lets you choose:

- Core name: the personal name shown in the interface and used in speech.
- Wake word: a word or short phrase, up to three words, used to start a conversation.
- Your name: how Core should address the owner.
- Core voice: select a voice and preview it before saving.
- Voice speed, pitch, and volume.
- Thinking music folder (optional): a folder containing MP3, WAV, OGG, or FLAC files that Core may play while it is thinking.

You can later say "Open Core settings" to reopen personalization. Save the new settings and restart Core to make sure every change is applied.

3. HOW CONVERSATIONS WORK

When Core is waiting in standby, say the wake word followed by your first request. Example, if the wake word is Nova:

"Nova, what can you do?"

Once the conversation is active, you can continue with follow-up questions without saying Nova again.

Say "goodbye" or "return to standby" to end the current conversation without closing Core. Other supported farewells include:

- "Goodbye"
- "Bye"
- "Bye for now"
- "Return to standby"
- "End the conversation"

Core stays open and listening for the next wake word.

INTERRUPTING A SPOKEN RESPONSE

While Core is speaking, interrupt it by saying the wake word followed by one of:

- "Stop"
- "Pause"
- "Wait"
- "Hold on"
- "Never mind"
- "Stop talking"

Example: "Nova, stop."

4. CLOSING CORE VS. POWERING OFF THE COMPUTER

These are deliberately separate controls.

TO CLOSE KELNOVA CORE ONLY

Say "turn off," "shut down," "go offline," or "close the application" during an active conversation. Core shutdown remains a separate action from Windows power control.

Supported Core-shutdown phrases include:

- "Turn off"
- "Shut down"
- "Go offline"
- "Close the application"

KNOWN BETA QUIRK: On some systems, repeating the wake word immediately before a Core-shutdown phrase can fail to route correctly. If "Nova, turn off" does not work, first wake Core normally, then say "Turn off" by itself while the conversation is active. If a shutdown phrase ever fails to route correctly, wake Core normally and repeat the shutdown phrase by itself while the conversation is active.

TO SHUT DOWN OR RESTART WINDOWS

Only these two exact command phrases control Windows power:

- "Shut down my computer"
- "Restart my computer"

Use the exact wording during an active conversation. Similar phrases such as "turn off my computer" are not Windows-power commands in this Beta.

IMPORTANT: Windows power commands do not require owner voice verification in 0.3.3-beta. Anyone who can activate Core and say the exact approved phrase may trigger the action. Use Core in a trusted environment and save open work first.

5. INTERFACE AND DESKTOP CONTROL

The fullscreen interface shows:

- listening, thinking, speaking, alert, and task states
- current speaker status
- current task and detail status
- an audio-reactive Core/equalizer display

The equalizer follows the current Windows output device. Switching between speakers, wired headphones, and Bluetooth headphones should automatically reconnect the audio-reactive display without restarting Core.

To get to the Windows desktop while Core keeps running:

- Press Escape to minimize the fullscreen interface without shutting down Core, or
- Say "Show my desktop", "Show my home screen", "Minimize the interface", "Hide the interface", or "Get out of the way".

To bring the fullscreen Core interface back:

- Say "Show the interface", "Restore the interface", or "Show the Core screen".
- You can also use Alt+Tab or the taskbar icon.

6. APPLICATION CONTROL

OPEN APPLICATIONS

Core can open common Windows apps and can also search the Windows Start-app list for installed applications by name.

Say "Open Calculator," then "Close Calculator." This is a simple way to test both directions.

Examples:

- "Open Calculator"
- "Open Notepad"
- "Open File Explorer"
- "Open Settings"
- "Open Paint"
- "Open Apple Music"
- "Open Discord"
- "Open Steam"
- "Open Visual Studio Code"

If several installed apps have similar names, Core may ask you to say the exact application name.

CLOSE ONE APPLICATION

Examples:

- "Close Calculator"
- "Close Notepad"
- "Close Discord"
- "Close Chrome"
- "Close Spotify"
- "Close File Explorer"

Core asks Windows to close the app normally rather than force-killing it. An app with unsaved work may display its normal Save/Don't Save/Cancel prompt.

CLOSE ALL OPEN USER APPLICATIONS

Examples:

- "Close all running applications"
- "Close all open apps"
- "Close everything"

Core closes visible user applications while leaving Kelnova Core and Windows system services running. File Explorer windows are closed without killing the Windows taskbar/shell. Apps with unsaved work may still ask you to save.

7. WEB, SEARCH, YOUTUBE, AND WEBSITES

Core can:

- open YouTube, Google, and Spotify

- open public websites when a web task requires them
- run Google searches with "Search for...", "Google...", or "Look up..."
- search YouTube with "Search YouTube for..."
- play or watch a requested item on YouTube, for example "Play [title] on YouTube"
- search the public web for current information
- read visible text from public webpages

Web search and webpage reading require internet access. Information from the web can be incomplete or wrong; verify important or time-sensitive facts.

8. LOCAL MEDIA, PLAYBACK, AND VOLUME CONTROL

KelNova Core can index supported audio and video files across connected Windows drives so media can be found even when it is stored outside the normal Music or Videos folders. The index stores media filenames, paths, and media type locally; it does not read the contents of unrelated documents.

To build or refresh the local media index, say:

- "Scan my computer for media"
- "Scan my PC for media"
- "Scan for media"

Generic play/watch requests use LOCAL-FIRST routing. For example:

- "Play Cyberpunk masked man"
- "Watch vacation video"
- "Play my recording"

Core checks the local media index first. If no compatible match is found, Core performs a fresh media scan and checks again. Only when no compatible local file is found may the request fall back to YouTube.

To explicitly skip local media and use YouTube, include YouTube in the request:

- "Play Cyberpunk masked man on YouTube"

If multiple local files are plausible matches, Core may ask for a more specific name instead of choosing at random. Local files open in the Windows default app registered for that media type.

While a local video is active, supported commands include:

- "Pause" / "Pause the video"
- "Resume" / "Resume the video"
- "Full screen" / "Exit full screen"
- "Close video" / "Close the video" / "Close movie" / "Close playback"

"Close video" targets the player associated with the most recently opened local media session rather than trying to find an application literally named Video.

Core can also send standard Windows media-key commands:

- "Volume up" / "Volume down"
- "Mute" / "Unmute"
- "Play" / "Pause"

- "Next track" / "Next song" / "Skip song"
- "Previous track" / "Previous song" / "Go back a song"

Media-key controls act on whichever application currently responds to Windows media keys.

9. TIMERS

Set spoken timers in seconds, minutes, or hours.

Examples:

- "Set a timer for 30 seconds"
- "Set a timer for 10 minutes"
- "Set a timer for 1 hour"

When the timer finishes, Core plays an alert and shows a Windows timer message.

10. DICTATION AND TYPING

Core can type text into the application that currently has keyboard focus.

Examples:

- "Type this: meeting moved to Friday"
- "Write this: I'll call you later"
- "Type this and send: On my way"

The "and send" form presses Enter after pasting the text. Make sure the correct window/text box is active before using it.

11. SYSTEM STATUS

Ask:

- "System status"
- "Computer status"
- "PC status"
- "How is my computer?"

Core reports processor usage, memory usage, system-drive usage, and battery level when Windows reports a battery.

12. OWNER MEMORY

Core has an owner-scoped long-term memory database.

Examples:

- "Remember that I prefer short weather summaries"
- "What do you remember about weather?"
- "List my memories"
- "Correct the memory about weather to I prefer detailed weather summaries"
- "Forget my weather preference"
- "Forget everything about weather"

Core blocks obvious passwords, PIN-like secrets, private keys, access tokens, and recovery phrases from being intentionally stored, but no automatic filter can recognize every secret. Do not store credentials or highly sensitive information in Core memory.

13. OWNER VOICE PRIVACY

On first use, Core asks the owner for five short voice samples. The resulting compact numeric voiceprint is stored locally under the current Windows account. The raw enrollment profile is not sent to a remote speaker-identification service.

Regular speakers can still ask normal questions and use non-private Core features. Owner-private memory and personal-file tools are supplied only after local owner voice verification.

If an unverified speaker asks for owner-private memory, Core should respond that it can help with general questions but cannot provide the owner's private information.

Voice verification is a privacy guard for Core's private data. It is not a Windows login, not a replacement for Windows account security, and not a general security boundary for every system-control command.

14. PERSONAL FILE ACCESS

For a verified owner, Core can work with files inside the current Windows user's home profile while blocking credential-related folders/files such as AppData, .ssh, .aws, .azure, .gnupg, common credential stores, .env files, private-key files, and several key/certificate/password-database extensions.

Core can:

- list accessible folders and their contents
- search for filenames
- read supported text/source files
- propose moving a file
- propose copying a file
- propose renaming a file
- propose creating a folder
- propose sending a file to the Recycle Bin
- report the current pending file operation

Common readable formats include TXT, Markdown, Python, JSON, CSV/TSV, LOG, YAML, INI/CFG/TOML, BAT, PowerShell, HTML/CSS/JS, XML, and SRT.

FILE CHANGES REQUIRE APPROVAL

Move, copy, rename, folder-creation, and recycle operations are prepared as a proposal first. Core tells you what it plans to do and waits for "Approve". Before applying a proposal, it rechecks the source and destination. It refuses to silently overwrite an existing destination. File deletion uses the Recycle Bin instead of permanent deletion.

Always review the proposed operation before approving it.

15. THINKING MUSIC

During setup, you can select a private folder containing MP3, WAV, OGG, or FLAC files. If thinking music is enabled, Core may randomly play tracks after a thinking task lasts long enough.

To manage the current folder, say:

- "Open my thinking music folder"

Add or remove supported tracks there. Core rescans the folder when a new thinking task begins.

To switch to a different folder, say "Open Core settings", choose a new folder, save, and restart Core.

Only use music you own or have permission to use. Kelnova Core does not bundle commercial music.

16. DUAL-BRAIN RESPONSE ROUTING

Core can route lightweight conversational requests to a faster local response path while keeping complex reasoning, web/current-information tasks, files, actions, planning, coding, and other heavier requests on the primary local reasoning path.

This routing is automatic. Both paths use the personalized Core identity and the same conversation policy, so the underlying local model names should not appear as Core's identity.

17. "WHAT CAN YOU DO?"

Ask "What can you do?", "List your capabilities", "Tell me everything you can do", or "Help menu". Core verbally reads the capability list installed in the current package.

18. CORE RECOVERY

Kelnova Core includes a recovery supervisor. It can:

- watch the Core service heartbeat
- restart the voice service after a crash or freeze, within bounded retry limits
- restart the visual interface when needed
- verify required application files are present
- keep a last-known-good settings copy
- restore a damaged settings file from that last-known-good copy
- write readable recovery events for troubleshooting

Recovery intentionally does NOT rewrite program code, perform deep Windows repairs, bypass permissions, or silently modify personal files.

Recovery logs are stored under:

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%LOCALAPPDATA%\Kelnova\Core\logs
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19. WHERE YOUR DATA LIVES

Personal configuration, owner memory, voice-verification data, runtime state, thinking music (if you use the default folder), file-operation proposals, and logs are stored under the current Windows account at:

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%LOCALAPPDATA%\Kelnova\Core
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The distributable installer does not contain another user's personalized profile.

PRIVACY NOTE ABOUT ONLINE SERVICES

- Speech recognition is performed locally by the installed speech-recognition model.
- Owner voice verification is performed locally.
- The language model used for ordinary Core reasoning is local after setup.
- Spoken response audio is generated through an online text-to-speech service. The text being spoken is therefore sent to that voice service for synthesis.

- Web searches and webpage reading send requests to public internet services.

Do not ask Core to speak or search for information you are unwilling to send to those online services.

20. SETTINGS AND PROFILE BACKUP

To preserve your personalization, back up:

`%LOCALAPPDATA%\Kelnova\Core`

To experience a fresh setup, close Core and move or remove that data folder. The setup window will run again on next launch.

Do not distribute your personal Kelnova data folder with a public installer.

21. UNINSTALLING

Open Windows Settings > Apps > Installed apps > Kelnova Core > Uninstall.

During uninstall, Core asks whether you want to:

1. Delete or keep your personalized settings and memories.
2. Delete or keep the local Kelnova Core AI model.

Both choices default to Keep so a future reinstall can preserve the profile and avoid an unnecessary model download. The shared local AI engine itself is not removed because other applications/models may use it.

22. KNOWN 0.3.3-BETA LIMITATIONS

- The installer is not code-signed, so Windows may display an Unknown Publisher or SmartScreen warning.
- Voice recognition accuracy varies with microphones, background noise, accents, and Windows audio configuration.
- Some installed applications may use unusual process/window names. If a close command does not find the app, try the exact name shown in Windows.
- Apps with unsaved work may refuse to close until you answer their Save prompt.
- A full media scan can take longer on PCs with large drives or many connected storage devices. System, program, cache, temporary, and other non-media-heavy folders are skipped to reduce noise and scan time.
- Local media playback depends on the Windows default application associated with each media file type. Third-party player behavior can vary.
- Online voice generation and web tools can fail when internet services are unavailable.
- Core does not automatically start with Windows in this Beta.
- Windows updates or application updates can change behavior outside Kelnova's control.

23. SAFE USE

- Save work before closing applications or using Windows power commands.
- Verify medical, legal, financial, safety-critical, and time-sensitive answers independently.
- Review file-operation proposals before approving them.
- Do not store passwords, authentication codes, private keys, or recovery phrases in Core memory.
- Keep normal Windows security, antivirus protection, and backups enabled.
- Kelnova Core is not an emergency service and is not a replacement for qualified professional advice.

QUICK COMMAND CHEAT SHEET

Start conversation: "[Wake word], what can you do?" End conversation: "Goodbye" Interrupt speech: "[Wake word], stop"
Close Core: "Turn off" (during an active conversation) Shut down Windows: "Shut down my computer" (exact phrase)
Restart Windows: "Restart my computer" (exact phrase) Show desktop: "Show my desktop" Restore interface: "Show the interface"
Open an app: "Open Calculator" Close an app: "Close Calculator" Close open apps: "Close all running applications"
Scan local media: "Scan my computer for media" Play local-first media: "Play [title]" Force YouTube playback: "Play [title] on YouTube"
Pause local video: "Pause the video" Resume local video: "Resume the video" Close local video: "Close video"
Timer: "Set a timer for 10 minutes" Type text: "Type this: hello" Type and send: "Type this and send: hello"
System report: "System status" Open settings: "Open Core settings" Open thinking music: "Open my thinking music folder"
Capabilities: "What can you do?" Remember: "Remember that ..." Recall: "What do you remember about ...?" List memory: "List my memories"
Forget: "Forget ..."