

RAPR AI

Setup & Configuration Guide

Everything you need to get RAPR AI running on your computer.
Written for beginners. No technical experience required.

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1. What Is RAPR AI?

RAPR AI is like a **control center for AI** on your computer. Instead of going to different websites for different AI tools, RAPR AI puts them all in one place.

Here is what it can do:

Chat with multiple AIs (Claude, Gemini, Codex, Ollama) from one screen. **Control everything from Telegram** on your phone. **Schedule tasks** to run automatically. **Connect plugins** like GitHub, Notion, Slack with one click. **Voice messages** supported. All your data stays on **your computer**, private and secure.

Good to know: RAPR AI runs on YOUR computer, not in the cloud. Your conversations and data never leave your machine.

2. What You Need Before Starting

Before you install RAPR AI, you need a few things on your computer. Think of these as ingredients you need before cooking a recipe.

2.1 Required (Must Have)

What	Why You Need It	Where to Get It
Windows 10 or 11	RAPR AI runs on Windows	You probably already have this
Internet Connection	To download things and connect to AIs	Your WiFi or ethernet

2.2 The Installer Handles Most Things

When you run the RAPR AI installer (.exe), it automatically installs itself. However, some features need extra software that the installer will try to set up for you. If the automatic setup fails, you may need to install these manually.

2.3 Manual Installation (If Automatic Setup Fails)

If the setup encounters errors, install these one by one:

A. Node.js (needed for plugins and document creation)

Step 1: Download Node.js

Open your web browser and go to: <https://nodejs.org>

Step 2: Click the big green button

It will say something like "**20.x LTS - Recommended For Most Users**". Click it to download.

Step 3: Run the installer

Double-click the downloaded file (it will be called something like **node-v20.x.x-x64.msi**). Click **Next** on every screen. Leave all the default options checked. Click **Install**.

Step 4: Verify it worked

Open **Command Prompt** (press Windows key, type "cmd", press Enter) and type:

```
node --version
```

You should see a version number like **v20.11.0**. If you see an error, restart your computer and try again.

Important: After installing Node.js, you **MUST** close and reopen Command Prompt for it to be recognized. If it still does not work, restart your computer.

B. Pandoc (needed for reading Word documents)

Pandoc helps RAPR AI read and convert documents. You can install it easily:

Open **Command Prompt** and type:

```
winget install --id JohnMacFarlane.Pandoc
```

If **winget** does not work on your computer, go to <https://pandoc.org/installing.html> and download the Windows installer.

C. FFmpeg (needed for voice messages, optional)

FFmpeg lets RAPR AI understand voice messages. If you do not plan to use voice, you can skip this.

Open **Command Prompt** and type:

```
winget install Gyan.FFmpeg
```

If winget does not work, download from <https://ffmpeg.org/download.html> (choose the Windows build).

3. Installing RAPR AI

Step 1: Download the installer

Go to <https://rapr.ai/download> and click the **Download for Windows** button. This downloads a file called **RAPR_AI_Setup.exe**.

Step 2: Run the installer

Double-click **RAPR_AI_Setup.exe**. Windows might show a blue popup saying "Windows protected your PC". This is normal for new software. Click **"More info"**, then click **"Run anyway"**.

Why this popup? The "Windows protected your PC" message appears because the app is new and not yet widely installed. It is safe to run.

Step 3: Follow the installer

Click **Next** through the screens. The installer lets you choose where to install. The default is **C:\Program Files\RAPR AI**. Click **Install**. Wait for it to finish. Click **Finish**.

Important — Administrator Access: If you install to the default location (C:\Program Files), you will need to **right-click** → **Run as Administrator** every time you launch RAPR AI. This is because Windows protects the Program Files folder. To avoid this, change the install path during setup to a different location (e.g. **D:\RAPR AI** or **C:\Users\YourName\RAPR AI**). Installing outside Program Files lets you run RAPR AI normally without admin rights.

Step 4: The installer will set up prerequisites

After installation, a setup script runs automatically to install Node.js and Pandoc if needed. If this step fails, follow the manual instructions in Section 2.3 above.

Step 5: Find RAPR AI

You will find **RAPR AI** in your Start Menu and on your Desktop. Double-click to launch it.

4. Setting Up Telegram Bot (Step-by-Step)

The Telegram bot lets you control RAPR AI from your phone. This is **optional** but very useful. If you do not use Telegram, you can skip this section and use RAPR AI from your browser only.

Prerequisite: You need the Telegram app installed on your phone or computer. Download it free from telegram.org if you do not have it.

4.1 What Is BotFather?

BotFather is a special bot inside Telegram that helps you create your own bots. Think of it like a "bot factory" built into Telegram. You talk to BotFather, and it creates a bot for you and gives you a secret key (called a **token**) that lets RAPR AI control your bot.

4.2 Create Your Bot

Step 1: Open Telegram

Open the Telegram app on your phone or computer.

Step 2: Search for BotFather

Tap the search bar at the top. Type **@BotFather** (with the @ symbol). You will see a bot with a blue checkmark next to its name. Tap on it.

Warning: Make sure you tap the one with the **blue checkmark**. There are fake BotFather accounts. The real one is verified by Telegram.

Step 3: Start a conversation with BotFather

Tap the **Start** button at the bottom of the chat. BotFather will send you a welcome message with a list of commands.

Step 4: Create a new bot

Type this command and send it:

```
/newbot
```

Step 5: Choose a display name

BotFather will ask: "**Alright, a new bot. How are we going to call it?**" Type a friendly name for your bot. This is what people will see. For example:

```
RAPR AI
```

Step 6: Choose a username

BotFather will ask: "**Good. Now let's choose a username for your bot.**" This must end with the word "bot". For example:

```
my_rapr_ai_bot
```

If the name is already taken, try another one. For example: **rapr_ai_2024_bot** or **myname_rapr_bot**.

Step 7: Save your token

BotFather will reply with a message that contains your **bot token**. It looks like this:

```
7123456789:AAhR4qZxkWq_m88cLdO9xYzT5pQwE2vFnM
```

Very Important: This token is like a **password** for your bot. Do NOT share it with anyone! Anyone who has this token can control your bot. Copy it and save it somewhere safe. You will need it in the next steps.

4.3 Summary of What You Did

You just told Telegram to create a bot for you. The **token** is the key that lets RAPR AI talk to Telegram through your bot. In the next section, you will find your **User ID** so that RAPR AI knows who is allowed to use the bot (only you!).

5. Finding Your Telegram User ID

Your User ID is a number that identifies you on Telegram. RAPR AI uses it to make sure only YOU can control the bot. Without it, anyone who finds your bot could send it commands.

5.1 Method 1: Using @userinfobot (Easiest)

Step 1: Open Telegram

Open the Telegram app.

Step 2: Search for userinfobot

Tap the search bar. Type **@userinfobot** (with the @ symbol). Tap on it.

Step 3: Start the bot

Tap **Start**. The bot will immediately reply with your information. You will see something like this:

```
Id: 1102679731 First: Aashima Last: (none) Username: aashima88
```

Step 4: Copy the number after "Id:"

The number after **"Id:"** is your User ID. In this example, it is **1102679731**. Copy this number. You will need it when setting up RAPR AI.

5.2 Method 2: Using @RawDataBot (Alternative)

If @userinfobot does not work, try @RawDataBot. Search for it in Telegram, tap **Start**, and look for **"from" > "id"** in the response. That number is your User ID.

5.3 Multiple Users

If you want more than one person to use the bot (for example, you and a friend), each person needs to find their own User ID using the steps above. When you set up RAPR AI, you will enter all the IDs separated by commas:

```
1102679731,9876543210
```

Remember: Each person must message @userinfobot from their OWN Telegram account to get THEIR User ID.

6. First Launch & Setup Wizard

Now that you have RAPR AI installed and your Telegram bot token ready, it is time to launch!

Step 1: Launch RAPR AI

Double-click the **RAPR AI** shortcut on your Desktop or find it in the Start Menu. The app runs silently in the background with a system tray icon (near the clock). No command prompt window appears.

Step 2: Browser opens automatically

The app opens as a standalone app window (like a desktop app, no browser tabs or address bar). This is the RAPR AI interface running on your computer.

Tip: If the window does not open automatically, open your web browser and go to **http://localhost:8000**. If it does not work, check the system tray icon near the clock. It might be using a different port like 8001 or 8002.

Step 3: Setup Wizard appears

On first launch, a **Setup Wizard** will guide you through configuration. It has several steps. Here is what each step asks for:

Wizard Step	What to Enter	Required?
Gemini CLI	The wizard checks if Gemini CLI is installed (Optional)	Optional (if you have any Google/Gmail account)
Telegram Bot Token	Paste the token from BotFather (Section 4)	Optional (but recommended)
Allowed User IDs	Paste your User ID from Section 5	Required if using Telegram
Set a PIN	Choose a PIN/password to protect the web interface	Recommended
Claude Code	The wizard checks if Claude Code is installed (Optional)	Optional (if you have a paid Anthropic plan)

Step 4: Set a PIN (Recommended)

The wizard will ask you to create a PIN or password. This protects your RAPR AI interface so nobody else on your network can access it. Choose something you will remember.

Step 5: Done!

After completing the wizard, you will see the main RAPR AI chat interface. You can start chatting with an AI right away!

Important: After completing the setup wizard for the first time, close the app (right-click the tray icon near the clock and click **Quit RAPR AI**) and then reopen it. This ensures your Telegram connection is properly initialized. You may face issues if you try to use Telegram on the very first launch without restarting.

7. Connecting Your AI (Choose At Least One)

RAPR AI supports multiple AI providers. You need at least one connected to start chatting. Here are your options, from easiest to most advanced:

7.1 Ollama (FREE, runs on your computer)

Ollama lets you run AI models directly on your computer. No internet needed after setup. Completely free and private.

Step 1: Download Ollama

Go to <https://ollama.com> and click **Download**. Run the installer.

Step 2: Download an AI model

Open **Command Prompt** and type:

```
ollama pull llama3
```

Wait for the download to finish (this may take a few minutes depending on your internet).

Step 3: That is it!

RAPR AI will automatically detect Ollama. Select **Ollama** from the AI dropdown in the chat interface.

Recommended: Ollama is the best choice for beginners. It is free, private, and works offline. Start here and add other AIs later if you want.

7.2 Claude Code (by Anthropic) - Requires Paid Plan

Claude is one of the most powerful AI assistants available. It requires a **paid Anthropic plan** (Max or Team subscription). If you do not have a paid plan, skip this and use Ollama or Gemini instead.

Important: Claude Code requires a **paid Anthropic subscription** (Max \$20/month or Team plan). It will NOT work with a free account. If you are just getting started, try Ollama (free) or Gemini (free) first.

Step 1: Install Claude Code

Open your web browser and go to: <https://docs.anthropic.com/en/docs/claude-code/overview>. Follow the installation instructions for Windows. The recommended method is:

```
npm install -g @anthropic-ai/claude-code
```

If npm does not work, you can also download the native installer directly from the Anthropic website.

Step 2: Log in to your Anthropic account

Open **Command Prompt** and type:

```
claude
```

This will open your browser and ask you to sign in to your Anthropic account. Make sure you are signed in with an account that has an active **Max or Team Subscription**. After signing in, the terminal will confirm you are authenticated.

Step 3: Select in RAPR AI

In RAPR AI, select **Claude** from the AI dropdown. RAPR AI will automatically use your authenticated Claude Code.

7.3 Gemini CLI (by Google) - FREE with Gmail

Gemini CLI is **completely free** if you have a Google account (Gmail). This is the easiest way to get a powerful cloud AI running with RAPR AI. If you have a Gmail address, you already have everything you need!

Free! Gemini CLI is free for everyone with a Google/Gmail account. No credit card, no API keys, no paid plans. This is the best free cloud AI option!

Step 1: Make sure Node.js is installed

Gemini CLI requires Node.js (which you installed in Section 2.3A). Verify by opening **Command Prompt** and typing:

```
node --version
```

If you see a version number, you are good to go. If not, install Node.js first (Section 2.3A).

Step 2: Install Gemini CLI

Open **Command Prompt** and type:

```
npm install -g @google/gemini-cli
```

Wait for the installation to finish. You should see a success message.

Step 3: Log in with your Google account

In Command Prompt, type:

```
gemini
```

This will open your web browser and ask you to **sign in with your Google account**. Use any Gmail account. Click **Allow** when it asks for permissions. After signing in, go back to the Command Prompt. It should say you are authenticated.

Type **exit** or press **Ctrl+C** to close the Gemini CLI. RAPR AI will handle it from here.

Step 4: Select Gemini in RAPR AI

In RAPR AI, select **Gemini** from the AI dropdown in the chat interface. RAPR AI will automatically use your authenticated Gemini CLI. That is it!

7.4 Codex (by OpenAI) - Requires Paid Plan

Codex is OpenAI's coding assistant. It requires an **OpenAI API key with a paid plan**. Best for coding and programming tasks.

Paid Plan Required: Codex requires a **paid OpenAI plan**. You will need to add billing and buy API credits at platform.openai.com. If you just want a free option, use Ollama or Gemini instead.

Step 1: Install Codex CLI

Open **Command Prompt** and type:

```
npm install -g @openai/codex
```

Step 2: Set your API key

Go to <https://platform.openai.com/api-keys>. Sign in or create an OpenAI account. Add a payment method under Billing. Create an API key and copy it. Enter it in RAPR AI Settings (gear icon).

8. Setting Up MCP Plugins (One-Click Connect)

MCP plugins let your AI assistants interact with external services like GitHub, Notion, and Slack. The best part? Most of them only need **one click** to connect.

8.1 How to Connect a Plugin

Step 1: Open the Packages panel

In the RAPR AI sidebar, click on **Packages** (the box icon).

Step 2: Browse available plugins

You will see a list of available MCP plugins. Use the search bar or filter by type.

Step 3: Click Connect

Find the plugin you want (e.g., **GitHub**) and click the **Connect** button. Your browser will open and ask you to log in to that service and authorize RAPR AI.

Step 4: Authorize and done!

Click **Authorize** on the service's page. The browser will redirect back to RAPR AI. The plugin is now connected. Your AI can use it immediately.

No API Keys Needed! For OAuth plugins (GitHub, Canva, Notion, Airtable, Figma, Slack), you do NOT need any API keys. Just click Connect, log in, and authorize. RAPR AI handles everything securely.

8.2 Available Plugins

Plugin	What It Does	Auth Type
GitHub	Manage repos, issues, pull requests, search code	One-click OAuth
Canva	Create and manage designs	One-click OAuth
Notion	Access pages, databases, workspace	One-click OAuth
Airtable	Manage bases, tables, records	One-click OAuth
Figma	Access design files and components	One-click OAuth
Slack	Send messages, manage channels	One-click OAuth

Web Search	Search the web from AI chat	API Key (Brave Search)
Telegram MCP	Extended Telegram control	Uses your bot token
Ollama Bridge	Manage local AI models	No auth needed

8.3 Disconnecting a Plugin

To disconnect a plugin, go to the **Packages** panel, find the connected plugin, expand it, and click the **Disconnect** button. You can reconnect anytime.

9. If Something Goes Wrong (Troubleshooting)

Do not worry! Here are solutions to common problems.

"Python is not recognized" or "Node is not recognized"

What happened: Your computer cannot find Python or Node.js because they are not in the system PATH.

How to fix:

1. **Close ALL** Command Prompt windows. 2. **Reopen** Command Prompt (press Windows key, type "cmd", press Enter). 3. Try the command again. 4. If it still does not work, **restart your computer**. 5. If it **STILL** does not work, reinstall the software and make sure to check "Add to PATH" during installation.

Browser shows "This site can't be reached"

What happened: RAPR AI is not running, or it is using a different port.

How to fix:

1. Make sure the RAPR AI window is still open (check for the tray icon near the clock). 2. Look at the system tray or window for a line that says the address. It might say **localhost:8001** or **localhost:8002** instead of 8000. 3. Try those addresses in your browser. 4. If the window is closed, launch RAPR AI again from the Start Menu.

"Windows protected your PC" popup

What happened: Windows SmartScreen is cautious about new apps.

How to fix: Click "More info", then click "Run anyway". This is safe.

Telegram bot does not respond

What happened: Either the token is wrong, or the User ID is not set.

How to fix:

1. Make sure RAPR AI is running (the window or tray icon is open). 2. Check that you pasted the correct bot token (from BotFather, Section 4). 3. Check that your Telegram User ID is correct (from Section 5). 4. Make sure there are no spaces before or after the token or User ID. 5. Restart RAPR AI after making changes.

Telegram bot says "Unauthorized"

What happened: Your Telegram User ID is not in the allowed list.

How to fix: Double-check your User ID using @userinfobot (Section 5). Make sure the number in RAPR AI Settings matches exactly. If you have multiple users, separate IDs with commas (no spaces).

OAuth plugin connection fails

What happened: The browser redirected but the app did not receive the callback.

How to fix: Make sure RAPR AI is still running. The callback goes to your local computer. If RAPR AI restarted on a different port, try disconnecting and reconnecting the plugin.

setup.bat shows errors during installation

What happened: Automatic installation of prerequisites failed.

How to fix: Follow the manual installation steps in **Section 2.3** of this guide. Install each prerequisite one by one. Then run setup.bat again.

10. Quick Reference Card

10.1 Important URLs

What	URL
RAPR AI (on your computer)	http://localhost:8000
RAPR AI Website	https://rapr.ai
Download Page	https://rapr.ai/download
Marketplace	https://rapr.ai/marketplace
Node.js Download	https://nodejs.org
Ollama Download	https://ollama.com
Google AI Studio (Gemini key)	https://aistudio.google.com/apikey
Telegram BotFather	https://t.me/BotFather
Telegram User ID Bot	https://t.me/userinfobot

10.2 Telegram Bot Commands

Command	What It Does
<code>/start</code>	Start the bot and see welcome message
<code>/menu</code>	Show the main menu with buttons
<code>/claude</code>	Switch to Claude AI
<code>/gemini</code>	Switch to Gemini AI
<code>/codex</code>	Switch to Codex AI
<code>/status</code>	Check which AI is active and system status
<code>/history</code>	See recent conversations
<code>/stop</code>	Stop the current AI session
<code>/schedule</code>	Manage scheduled tasks

/help	Show all available commands
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10.3 Keyboard Shortcuts (Web UI)

Shortcut	What It Does
Enter	Send message
Shift + Enter	New line in message
Ctrl + V	Paste image from clipboard into chat
Drag & Drop	Drop files onto chat to attach them

10.4 Need More Help?

Visit <https://rapr.ai> for the latest guides and updates. You can also browse the marketplace at <https://rapr.ai/marketplace> to discover new plugins and integrations.

