

## **The latest version of Flashcards is version is 5.27.3**

### **Changes in 5.27.3:**

#### *Changed:*

- Backup now backs up all videos and sounds used in StoryMaker or in Flashcards, not just those in the imported videos and imported sounds folders. Backup no longer asks whether to overwrite files but makes those decisions for the user.
- Restore also has been changed to restore all videos and sounds used in StoryMaker or Flashcards.
- This means that moving Flashcards to a new computer is a simple process:
  - 1) backup Flashcards to an external drive or a USB flash drive
  - 2) Install the latest version of Flashcards on the new computer
  - 3) Run Flashcards - you will have to create a new user but that will be overwritten so it doesn't matter what user name you use.
  - 4) Go to Settings, Main menu, Restore (at the bottom of the screen) and select the USB flash drive or the external drive with the backup on as the location of the backed up data.
  - 5) Flashcards will shut down once the restore is complete.That will fully transfer Flashcards (and StoryMaker) files to the new computer. The only caveat is that if the original PC had multiple hard drives or partitions and videos etc used in Flashcards were on partitions other than the C drive, the new PC will need the same partition structure (i.e. the same drive letters) or those videos etc will not appear in the books that use them. In that case you will need to export and import those books. You can of course still export all the word sets if you wish and recreate Flashcards on the new computer by importing them but that is a much longer process.
- On quitting Flashcards any unused videos or sound files are removed from the imported sounds and imported videos folders. This is to save disk space when such files are no longer used in StoryMaker or Flashcards.

### **Changes in 5.27.2:**

#### *Fixed:*

- When activating with a new product key (after the licence expired), the old product key needed to be deactivated first. If you did not deactivate the old key first, the activation of the new key appeared to work but you would be asked for the new key each time you started Flashcards. The old product key will now be deactivated when you try to activate with a different product key. You can of course, still renew the old product key licence (through purchasing Flashcards on our website) which will result in Flashcards being reactivated automatically.
- When taking pictures from a webcam, selecting the right webcam when more than one is present was unpredictable. This fix needs to be thoroughly tested but in initial testing seems to have solved the problem.

#### *Added:*

- Pictures in the pictures gallery can now be sorted in different ways: with added pictures either shown first (newest first, the default) or last, or all pictures sorted by name or keyword (the first keyword is used for this). A new tab has been added for this to the Settings menu – named “Choosing Pictures”. Allowing or disabling internet search for pictures has also been moved there. These are user-dependant settings. Note: when first selecting a username, there may be a delay while pictures are sorted if the user uses a different sorting order to the previous user.
- When activation expires, Flashcards will now write a text file to the desktop that gives instructions for renewing your licence. These instructions include the licence key and the licence type.
- If Flashcards encounters an unexpected error while running that would cause it to shutdown, it will now save the details of the error to a text file on the desktop called “MoveAhead Software Errors” before exiting. This file can be emailed to [support@moveaheadsoftware.com](mailto:support@moveaheadsoftware.com) to help solve the issue if you wish.

*Changed:*

- The icon for Settings has now changed to a gear symbol, and the word “Settings” is no longer shown with the icon.

*Database:*

- Added new pictures to the New Zealand database

**Changes in 5.27.0:**

*Fixed:*

- Cropping pictures could be very slow on slower PCs. This has now been solved and the preview of the cropped picture has been removed from the cropping screen. Changing the size of the cropping handles is now also much more responsive.
- A problem with the screen becoming unresponsive when selecting a story to import.
- A problem where videos selected for a word could be dropped after editing a set

*Changed:*

- When adding pictures you can now add more than one key word (separated by commas)

**Changes in 5.26.9:**

*Fixed:*

- A bug that could cause an error when adding pictures that was created in the last version

**Changes in 5.26.8:**

*Added:*

- Checkboxes have been added to the messages about where to find images and videos giving the option of not showing the message again during the current session of Flashcards

**Changes in 5.26.7:**

*Added:*

- When selecting a picture or a video, a text box shows where to find pictures or videos on a connected Android phone, iPhone, camera or Microsoft Surface Pro. For Pictures, this message is shown when clicking on “File or Camera” when choosing an image.
- Added support for HEIC/HEIF image files. This is a new image format used on 2018 iPhones and will appear on Windows and Android in spring 2018.
- Also added support for TIFF, DNG, PSD, CRW and CR2 images (the last 2 are raw images from higher end Canon cameras). DNG, PSD, CRW and CR2 images are converted to JPG in Flashcards before being used which can take several seconds of processing.

*Changed:*

- Selecting video files (whether to capture pictures from or to show with a flashcard) now only shows video files as options – previously all files were shown.

**Changes in 5.26.6:**

*Fixed:* Selecting a section of a video to play on completion of Lotto could cause Flashcards to crash.

**Changes in 5.26.5:**

*Fixed:* The updater (in the main Settings menu) failed to check for updates.

**Changes in 5.26.4:**

*Fixed:*

- When updating keywords for pictures now always correctly shows the name of the picture that was selected

*Added:*

- New Burmese pictures

**Changes in 5.26.3:**

*Fixed:*

- Words with apostrophes did not allow pictures to be added or changed

- Pictures with keywords using apostrophes did not show for words with apostrophes.
- Updated the button to show online tutorial videos & fixed Burmese translation for this

*Added:*

- NZ word database updated with new words

### **Changes in 5.26.1:**

*Added:*

Clicking on Help (the ? button) on the opening screen now gives the option of displaying the online video tutorials. This requires an internet connection.

### **Changes in 5.26.0:**

*Extensive bug fixes:*

With the development of a Burmese version, Flashcards has undergone very extensive testing over the past 3 months. In the process many bugs have been uncovered and fixed. A lot of these were small but some much more significant bugs have also been fixed. These include:

- When choosing pictures for a word some pictures already chosen could suddenly (and randomly) disappear from the list of chosen pictures.
- A sound effect chosen for a word could stop working after choosing to play or edit it in the screen where pictures etc are chosen for a word.
- Pictures assigned for words imported into a set from a StoryMaker story could be lost after importing.
- Hyphenated words would not be imported into a set from a StoryMaker story.
- Flashcards could occasionally crash when choosing a section for a video for a word or for playing after lotto is completed.

*Added:*

- In the page where word sets are created or edited, the pictures etc chosen for a word are shown when the mouse is placed over a word.
- You can now delete words from a set by right-clicking a word. This makes it quicker deleting words from sets - sets created from importing from a StoryMaker story can have a lot of words in them
- A new tutorial has been produced that details working with the current version. This can be accessed from the first screen on entering Flashcards by clicking on the "Help" button.
- We have also produced video tutorials for working with Flashcards. These can be accessed from our webpage.

Some layout changes have been made in the settings screens and also in other screens. Many other small changes have been made.

This is a *very* significant update and we urge all using Flashcards (regardless of the language being used) to install it.

### **Changes in 5.25.9:**

- Fixed a problem with importing words from a StoryMaker story (only stories by the same user)
- Fixed a problem in the installer where if you changed the installation folder, Flashcards still got installed into the default folder

### **Changes in 5.25.7:**

- Flashcards now uses .Net 4.7.1 This will be installed when Flashcards is installed if it is not present. One big advantage of this is that Flashcards should now install without other updates having to be installed on Windows 7 (sp1).
- A number of bugs were fixed

### **Changes in 5.25.2:**

Fixed a problem introduced in the previous version with the buttons for creating sets, importing sets etc failed to fire. Also fixed problems with editing and previewing videos and sound effects for words

### **Changes in 5.25.1:**

- Further changes to improve performance with touch. Touch support can now only be enabled if Windows 10 is installed as Flashcards now uses Windows 10 Touch which is much more reliable and consistent.
- Fixed the advance by frame button when choosing a picture from a video.
- Fixed problems when editing the video or sound with a word
- Fixed problems with timings when choosing to show a video or play a sound file before the picture for a word is displayed.
- Fixed problems with printing sets and lotto boards that was introduced with a recent change in the .Net libraries. The recent libraries failed to support printing in landscape mode.
- Many more words added to the NZ database.
- Several other bugs were fixed.

### **Changes in 5.24.1:**

Fixed a problem with activation expiring a month too early

### **Changes in 5.24.0:**

*Changed:*

- Flashcards now runs as a 64 bit application if a 64 bit operating system is detected. This makes the program more robust and also more responsive in a 64 bit environment.
- Sets can now be listed by alphabetic order, or with newest sets listed first or in the order they were added to Flashcards. And option for this has been added to the Settings menu.
- Many icons have been changed with more pictures and less text

*Database:* Nearly 500 words have been added to the New Zealand database.

### **Changes in 5.23.4:**

*Database:* Some new pictures added to database and some new words in the NZ version.

### **Changes in 5.23.3:**

*Fixed:*

- Fixed some touch screen problems – at times touch was unresponsive on some screens
- Fixed problems with recording videos and with choosing a section of a video

*Added:*

- Added buttons when choosing a video to start or end the section at the current position of the slider, so beginning and end points can be selected as the video is playing

*Database:* Some new pictures added to database

### **Changes in 5.23.1:**

Again a number of bugs have been fixed. The highlights are:

*Fixed:*

- Resolved all known memory leaks associated with adding pictures or videos or sounds. These could cause StoryMaker to crash after adding multiple pictures from files or camera, or adding or recording multiple videos for different words in a set - a result of "Out of Memory" errors. Errors adding pictures were partially fixed in 5.22.1 but more changes were needed to resolve them completely
- Touchscreen keyboard with the latest version of Windows 10. The touchscreen now comes up automatically when input is needed with the latest Windows 10.
- Bugs associated with creating sets

*Added:*

- An internet search button has been added when adding pictures for words in a set. This can be disabled within the "Create/Edit Cards" options (a new tab on the options screen). The search displays large pictures from the internet matching the word. To add a picture, right-click

the picture you want in the browser window that the Internet Search button brings up and select “Copy Picture” or “Copy Image”. The “Clipboard” button in Flashcards then adds the picture. Automating the process would cause copyright issues - the user remains responsible for the images they choose to put in Flashcards sets.

- A “Deactivate” button has been added to the “About Flashcards” page in Settings. This enables you to deactivate Flashcards so it may be moved to another PC without losing an activation. You must be online for this to work.

### **Changes in 5.22.1:**

A large number of bugs have been fixed in this release. The highlights are:

*Fixed:*

- Out of memory errors. Flashcards could crash apparently randomly at times due to out of memory exceptions. A large amount of code has been reworked to prevent these types of errors. One way this memory issue showed was Flashcards could crash after adding a certain number of new pictures (depending on the PC being used and the size of the pictures)
- Various bugs associated with working with images have been fixed. This includes issues with adding pictures from video
- A variety of problems that could arise with sounds under certain conditions have been fixed
- Bugs associated with importing and exporting have been fixed
- A bug which could cause the occasional picture to be corrupted when Importing StoryMaker 4 books has been fixed

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- Fixed: Can now add hyphenated words to word sets when the words comprising the hyphenated word both are already in the database. If any of the words are not found in the database, you will be given the option of adding the hyphenated word.
- The Malaysian databases have been further developed.

### **Changes in 5.21.1:**

- Fixed: Problems with exporting or importing added words from the link on the main menu of the options screen.
- Fixed: problems with exporting sets – causing Flashcards to crash – and problems with importing if a set with words with 's.
- Added: The list of word sets for a user now displays a thumbnail along with the title of the set to make it easy for users to choose a set. This thumbnail is generated from first picture in a word set. If there are no pictures in a word set the thumbnail is empty.

### **Changes in 5.20.7:**

- Fixed a database error from a recent version that corrupted the installation of Flashcards. If you have problems getting this version to start, download and install it again. If that fails, please contact us.

### **Changes in 5.20.6:**

- Changes to recording of video with webcam or tablet cameras – a memory leak limited the number of videos that could be recorded on some PCs before Flashcards needed to be restarted. This has been greatly reduced (though not entirely eliminated). Changes also to the options presented and to the preview display. Also copes with multiple cameras much better. If you record videos within Flashcards this is an essential update.

### **Changes in 5.20.5:**

- Fixed some issues around recording video from a webcam or tablet camera

#### **Changes in 5.20.4:**

Fixed: multiple views are no longer loaded for different part of Flashcards – makes it easier when navigating between applications. Dialog boxes now always stay on top until dealt with.

#### **Changes in 5.20.2:**

Changes and bug fixes for Editing Added Words – selecting a suggested alternative when adding words now works correctly. Downloading an updated version now provides more information.

#### **Changes in 5.20.1:**

- *Changed:* changes to layout preparing for additional languages
- *New words* added to the NZ databases

#### **Changes in 5.20.0:**

- *Changed:* the way delays for items (when displaying flash cards) are set. The delay is now the delay *before* an item is played (e.g. the delay before the word is spoken) rather than the delay *after* the item is played. This makes it less confusing and more consistent setting delays.
- *Changed:* When exporting a word set, the settings (such as item order, delays, video after lotto completed) are now exported with the set and will be imported when a set is imported.
- *Fixed:* Added words were not imported with a word set if the word set had no added pictures
- *Fixed:* Word sets from the original release of Flashcards 5 (prior to August 2015) did not import correctly into the current version of Flashcards
- *Fixed:* Flashcards and StoryMaker now import sounds and videos into the same folders – this was inconsistent prior to this fix

#### **Earlier Fixes:**

- Predictive text did not display hyphens correctly

Different languages can now be chosen for the Flashcards interface (the instructions on screens) and the language database, which can be helpful when using Flashcards to teach another language.

If you are running an earlier version of Flashcards 5, download and install the trial version to update to the current version. Product activation will not be affected as long as you purchased Flashcards after August 2015. If you have the original version of Flashcards 5 and wish to use the current version, please email us.

If your version is earlier than 5.18, uninstall Flashcards before applying the update.

If you experience problems, please email support with the details

#### **Support for the older Flashcards 4 (does not apply to the current version of Flashcards):**

##### **How do I bring added words from StoryMaker into Flashcards 4 without having to recreate them all as added words?**

This cannot be done in Flashcards 4. In the current versions of StoryMaker and Flashcards added words automatically appear in both programs. The latest version of Flashcards has a huge number of changes from Flashcards 4 and closely integrates with the latest StoryMaker