Welcome to Windows Mobile 6!

Windows Mobile® 6 represents the next major release for Windows Mobile powered devices. It builds on the features and functionality of Windows Mobile 5.0 creating a better, more secure platform. Windows Mobile 6 delivers advanced mobile communications, increased mobile productivity and integrated mobile business performance with a consistent and familiar Microsoft® software experience.

Windows Mobile 5.0 vs. Windows Mobile 6

In addition to the many new features of Windows Mobile 6, there have been major enhancements to features of Windows Mobile 5.0. Below you will find comparative information on the two versions.

Feature	WM 5.0	WM 6	Description
Mobile Messaging			
E-mail Setup Wizard	✔	✔	Better discoverability of e-mail messaging setup and settings.
Exchange Server Search		✔	Search Microsoft Exchange mailbox on server for items that match specified criteria. 🔀
HTML Support		✔	Receive, view, compose and send e-mail in HTML format.
Fetch Mail		✔	Download a single message in its entirety, including inline images and/or attachments—without having to do a full Send/Receive. 🔀
SharePoint Access		✔	Open SharePoint links to documents stored on SharePoint servers, linked in HTML e-mail. 🔀
Outlook E-mail Message Flags		✔	Assign, mark complete and clear flags from both the e-mail inbox list view and e-mail read view. 🔀
Smart Filter in Messaging		✔	Limit the number of e-mail messages that are displayed in the e-mail list view to only those that match filter criteria from the user.
Hardware Shortcuts		✔	Designed for both 12-key and 30-key equipped devices, for a core set of functions in both e-mail inbox list view and email read view.
Information Rights Management		✔	Receive, reply to, forward and compose Information Rights Management (IRM) protected mail.
Time Management			
Tasks Support	✔	✔	Added full synchronization capability support for WM 6 Standard devices.
Calendar Views	✔	✔	Usability and visual appeal of the calendar view vastly enhanced.
Meeting Attendees\Status		✔	View acceptance status of all attendees in the meeting view. 🔀
Appointment Requests	✔	✔	Indicate conflicting or adjacent meetings, allow mobile users to check their calendar for requested time-slot, delete meeting request from Inbox deletes calendar entry, edit response to a meeting request.
Out-of-Office Assistant		✔	Retrieve and set Out-of-Office (OOF) status, along with OOF message. 🔀
Reply\Forward Appointments	✔	✔	Forward appointments to additional meeting attendees right from your device. 🔀
Networking			
Internet Sharing		✔	Share your mobile device internet access with a PC via USB or Bluetooth in only a couple of clicks.
Advanced Audio Distribution Profile (A2DP)	✔	✔	Defines procedures and protocols for sending high quality (stereo) audio data to peer Bluetooth devices.
Platform			
Microsoft® Office Mobile	✔	✔	Available for both Standard and Professional devices, Office Mobile is one of the key differentiating features of Windows Mobile 6 powered devices. ⊙
Internet Explorer® Mobile	✔	✔	Significant enhancements made to the browser experience (support for HTML, Ajax support and address bar, hardware navigation, download improvements).
Windows Live™		✔	Windows Live is the premier services' offering for Windows Mobile 6 powered devices that unifies the user's information, helps them pursue interests and deepen the relationships that enrich their life. ⊙
Voice Command	✔	✔	Voice Command is now available as an option for Windows Mobile 6 powered devices, and has been upgraded to v1.6 in this release. ⊙
Windows Mobile Update		✔	Provide a foundation to help keep Windows Mobile 6 powered devices more secure and fully up to date.
Windows Mobile Marketplace		✔	Marketplace delivering applications and content to Windows Mobile 6 powered devices over-the-air.

🔀 - *Features and functionality compatible with Microsoft Exchange Server 2007 only.*

⊙ - *Optional licensable component of Windows Mobile 6.*

Windows Mobile 6 Versions

Windows Mobile 6 optimizes for simplicity, flexibility and modularity. We are officially retiring the terms Pocket PC and Pocket PC Phone Edition. In the future, we will use more conventional terms when referring to Windows Mobile powered devices. Windows Mobile powered devices will either be smartphones (connected devices) or PDAs (disconnected devices).

Windows Mobile 5.0		Windows Mobile 6	
Version	**Preferred Device Description**	**Version**	**Preferred Device Description**
Windows Mobile 5.0 for SmartPhone	Windows Mobile powered SmartPhone	**Windows Mobile 6 Standard**	**Windows Mobile powered smartphone**
Windows Mobile 5.0 for Pocket PC Phone Edition	Windows Mobile powered Pocket PC Phone	**Windows Mobile 6 Professional**	**Windows Mobile powered smartphone**
Windows Mobile 5.0 for Pocket PC	Windows Mobile powered Pocket PC	**Windows Mobile 6 Classic**	**Windows Mobile powered PDA**

The three versions are Windows Mobile 6 Standard, Windows Mobile 6 Professional and Windows Mobile 6 Classic. In addition to the standard features available in each version, each also contains optional licensable components to provide additional functionality for users and provide differentiation among Windows Mobile powered devices.

Windows Mobile 6	Standard	Professional
Microsoft® Office Outlook® Mobile	✔	✔
Microsoft® Office Mobile	✔ For Standard	✔ For Professional
Mobile Internet Explorer®	✔	✔
Windows Media® Player	✔	✔
Microsoft® ActiveSync®	✔	✔
Touch Screen Support		✔
Windows Live™	✔	✔
Voice Command	✔	✔
Windows Mobile Update	✔	✔
Windows Mobile Marketplace	✔	✔
Remote Desktop Mobile		✔

Office Mobile Versions

Only Office Mobile provides a genuine Microsoft Office experience on Windows Mobile 6 powered devices. Both Windows Mobile 6 Standard and Windows Mobile 6 Professional powered devices may include Office Mobile.

The following table compares Office Mobile for these devices.

Feature	Standard	Professional
Document Viewing and Editing	✔	✔
Support for Information Rights Management	✔	✔
New Document Creation		✔
Enhanced Word Mobile editing tools • Cut/copy/paste • Spell check • Word Count		✔
Word® Mobile Formatting • Fonts	✔	✔
• Toolbar • Paragraphs		✔
Excel® Mobile tools • Cut/copy/paste	✔	✔
• Insert/Modify/Delete Chart		✔
Support for enhanced PowerPoint® • Mobile viewing & playback options: • Landscape & Portrait mode • Zoom, Animation and Transitions	✔	✔