



BlackBerry Messenger

Version: 5.0 (B57)

Release Notes

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New in this release

The new features for BlackBerry® Messenger 5.0 bundle 57 include the following items:

Item	Description
Contact list screen improvements	You can now perform the following actions from the BlackBerry Messenger contact list screen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View and change display pictures and status messages. • Search for a name of a contact or group. • Move multiple contacts at one time into a new contact category (previously known as contact groups). • Jump to a different category by pressing the space key on your device.
BlackBerry Groups	You can use the BlackBerry® Groups feature of BlackBerry Messenger to share pictures, lists, appointments, and more with group members. Each group can contain up to 30 members.
Notifications	You can change the sound that plays when you receive a new BlackBerry Messenger or BlackBerry Groups notification from the sounds application. In addition, you can turn off audible notifications and Home screen indicators for each group that you are a member of from the Group Details screen.
Chats	Chats have been improved with the following enhancements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can change how messages appear in chats. • You can send files up to 6 MB in size to a contact whose device also has BlackBerry Messenger 5.0. • You can save or forward a picture from the preview screen. • By default, voice notes are now automatically accepted.
Contacts	You now have a few new options for contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can scan a person's BlackBerry Messenger profile barcode to add the person to your contact list or group. • You can add a shortcut icon of a contact to appear near the BlackBerry Messenger icon so that you can quickly access the contact. • You can replace display pictures with caller id pictures, or vice versa.
SMS text messaging integration	You can add SMS text messaging contacts to your BlackBerry Messenger contact list. Standard SMS text messaging fees apply to all SMS text messages that you send or receive using BlackBerry Messenger. <p>Note: This feature requires BlackBerry® Device Software 5.0 or later.</p>
Backup and restore	You can back up and restore your BlackBerry Messenger data, which can include your contacts, profile, and group membership by using BlackBerry Messenger to create a backup file on your device or you can register an email address with BlackBerry Messenger to back up and restore over the wireless network automatically. You can access the backup and restore feature from the Options screen in BlackBerry Messenger.

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	You can also use the BlackBerry® Desktop Manager on a computer to back up and restore your BlackBerry Messenger contacts, profile, and group membership.
Application updates	You now receive a notification message when a new version of BlackBerry Messenger is available. You can also manually check for new versions of BlackBerry Messenger by using the menu on the Options screen.

Fixed issues

This section lists fixed issues for BlackBerry® Messenger 5.0 bundle 57.

General

Display pictures might not have appeared. (DT368508)

Chats

If you have BlackBerry® Device Software 4.7.1 or lower on your BlackBerry device, you could not use the spelling checker in a chat. (DT479891)

If a file transfer request expired, you could not receive new files. (DT454152)

File transfer requests expired after a short amount of time. (DT459590)

You might not have been able to send voice notes. (DT453956)

You could not preview a picture before saving it to your device. (DT382671)

The file transfer speed has been improved. (DT189684)

Groups

If you took a picture with your device in the portrait view and shared it with a group, the shared picture might have appeared in the landscape view instead, or vice versa. (DT386568)

Requirements

Depending on your wireless service provider or organization, you might not be able to use BlackBerry® Messenger.

- at least 3 MB of available application memory
- BlackBerry® Device Software 4.5 or later
- a wireless service data plan

About updating your applications

Updating the applications on your BlackBerry® device can offer you the following benefits:

- access to new features
- resolve a technical issue

You can download applications from the BlackBerry App World™ storefront. For more information about the BlackBerry App World storefront, on a computer visit www.blackberry.com/appworld.

If you need help using an application, you can find answers in the application by pressing the **Menu** key and clicking **Help** on your device.

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