

explorē 12: Update v1.1

We are delighted to announce that multiple new features, usability improvements, and fixes are now available for explorē 12 via software update (version 1.1).

Features

Panning in distance viewing mode

The user can now horizontally pan using gestures or on-screen icons when the device is in distance viewing mode. This functionality benefits the user in locating where in the distance they may wish to zoom in for closer inspection.

2-finger “Overview” gesture in distance viewing mode

This gesture, previously available only when using the device to view documents on the stand, is now available for use with the distance viewing mode. The user will find this helpful in orientating themselves to distant objects.

Preferred zoom for each viewing mode

Users may now set their desired zoom for each mode: tabletop, stand, and distance, making it easier to move from task to task efficiently.

Lighting control setting for each viewing mode

LED lights may now be on, low, or off for each viewing mode enabling the user to set up their device for use in various environments or for specific tasks.

Red-black and red-white contrast colors

Red-black and red-white contrast colors are now included to support those users who find these combinations most beneficial to their viewing needs. The user must enable these contrast colors if they desire to use them.

Improvements

Exiting a Settings submenu returns to the previous viewing mode

When the user enters a submenu and returns to the magnifier, the device remembers their last viewing mode. Example: A user looks at an object in the distance, captures an image, then goes into Settings -> Gallery to view the image. When they exit the Gallery, they will be returned to distance viewing mode allowing them to continue their previous activity.

Refreshed camera toggle icons

Updated icon art makes it easier for the user to recognize the functionality of the on-screen icons that switch camera modes. Mountains indicate the distance mode, and the text indicates the document/near viewing mode. Users benefit from knowing the viewing mode they will activate when tapping an icon.

Image capture gesture mirrors image capture button functionality

Users may freeze an image on-screen with a press gesture, then perform a second press to save the image to the Gallery. By aligning the gesture and button functions, it is easier for the user to learn device interactions and their expected outcomes.

Panning buttons increment smoothly

When using the panning buttons to navigate images, they gradually and smoothly adjust the view to the left or the right, ensuring no viewable areas are missed.

The zoom level is retained between close-up and distance viewing

While using the explorē 12, when the user moves between viewing modes, the zoom level of each is maintained, allowing for a seamless transition between tasks like distance viewing and reading a document.

Additional gestures added to the Settings menu

All available touch gestures can now be enabled or disabled from the Settings menu. This customization allows users to utilize gestures they need or are most comfortable using.

The device's date and time can now be set using buttons only

This improvement allows the user to select the date and time for the device using touch gestures or physical buttons.

The device's battery status is now displayed when switching modes

The remaining battery percentage is shown as the user moves between tabletop, stand, and distance viewing modes. Users benefit by maintaining awareness of adequate charging levels to complete the tasks at hand.

Watch our new explorē 12 videos highlighting these updates and more:

Distance Panning: <https://youtu.be/bb0TBo4h8ig>

Settings Menu & Contrasts: <https://youtu.be/hsqM0bEoFul>

Date & Time: https://youtu.be/G6vTcc_zh2s

Getting to Know E12: <https://youtu.be/gypMH8gjMEQ>

How to Update E12: <https://youtu.be/M9eiaXuyIPk>

Fixes

- Changes to LED brightness are now correctly saved
- Auto-focus no longer locks/unlocks when double-tapping on a panning button
- When starting the device on the stand, auto-focus does not randomly fail
- Distance zoom is now retained when returning from Settings or the Gallery
- In the stand, the current zoom level no longer reverts to the default after a capture

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