You can run Prolog programs in several ways:

If you want to install it in your own machine, please install the latest version of the SWI-prolog. In this case please download it from http://www.swi-prolog.org/

Our lab also has the SWI-prolog. You can use it from there. To use it, first you need to login into the lab machines. Now you are ready to work with Prolog.

Lets create a sample Prolog program file name simple.pl which has following two lines person(bob). father(bob,sam).

Now to open the Prolog complier write command swipl. Now to load the simple.pl file type ['simple.pl']. in the compiler terminal. The "." at the end of ['simple.pl']. is used to mark the end of the command in Prolog.

Then you can query based on this simple file: person(bob). returns true father(bob,X). returns X = sam.

There are other instructions available: http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~sheila/324/f05/tuts/swi.pdf