Mac OS X 10.9 (Mavericks) Accessibility Features

Accessibility Preferences

Accessibility Preferences is a central location you can use to set up the accessibility settings and programs available in Mac OS X.

Open Accessibility Preferences by selecting Apple menu> System Preferences> Accessibility

Mac OS X 10.9 accessibility features include:

- **Use the built-in screen reader called VoiceOver:** OS X includes VoiceOver, a built-in screen reader that describes aloud what appears on your screen and speaks the text in documents, webpages, and windows. Using VoiceOver, you control your Mac with the keyboard or trackpad gestures. You can connect a refreshable braille display to use with VoiceOver.

- **Zoom content on the screen:** If items on the screen are too small, you can zoom in to make content larger and easier to see.

- **Use your keyboard in different ways:** If you have trouble using the keyboard, you can turn on Sticky Keys and Slow Keys, to make it easier to press keys.

- **Move the pointer with the keyboard:** If you have trouble using a mouse, you can turn on Mouse Keys and then use the keyboard or numeric keypad to move the mouse pointer and press the mouse button.

  - **Use speech recognition and text to speech:** Use speech recognition to get work done by speaking commands. With text-to-speech options, your Mac can speak the text in dialogs and alert messages, and notify you when an application needs you to do something, such as accept a Messages invitation.

- **Change how your keyboard, mouse, and trackpad work:** OS X provides various ways to customize how your keyboard, mouse, and trackpad work. For example, you can adjust the speed at which the pointer moves across the screen when you move your finger across the trackpad.

- **Control your Mac with adaptive switches:** With Switch Control, people with limited mobility can use one or more adaptive accessories to enter text, interact with items on the screen, and control a Mac.

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Browser Accessibility Options

Internet browsers offer their own accessibility features. Learn more at the links below or by doing an internet search for the name of your browser and accessibility.

- **Internet Explorer (IE):** http://bit.ly/1twrjOF
- **Mozilla Firefox:** http://mzl.la/1vd78d9
- **Google Chrome:** http://bit.ly/12h5f40
- **Safari:** http://bit.ly/1zacNQI

Browser add-ons and extensions can further enhance accessibility. Search your browser extensions gallery or app store for accessibility or accessible or specific functions like magnifier, screen reader, contrast, readability, voice recognition, etc. to find them.

- **IE Gallery:** http://bit.ly/1TFe6Ca
- **Firefox Add-Ons:** http://mzl.la/1pJ1Lq
- **Chrome Web Store:** http://bit.ly/1rPjFTN
- **Safari Extensions Gallery:** http://bit.ly/1Czoq9t

Technology Accessibility at UA

Information about the University's accessibility initiative, links to UA Resources, and more is available at http://accessibility.ua.edu

- If you are an individual with a disability and you are having difficulty accessing information on a public University of Alabama webpage or other technology, or if you have accessibility suggestions, please contact Dr. Rachel Thompson at rsthompson2@ua.edu.

- For information about services, accommodations, and assistive technologies available to students with disabilities at the University, please contact the Office of Disability Services at ods@bama.ua.edu.

- For employee resources, please contact UA’s Human Resources Service Center at hrsvctr@ua.edu.

- Inquiries concerning compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended in 2008, may be directed to the University’s ADA Coordinator, Gwendolyn Hood, at ghood@ualan.ua.edu.