Windows 7 Accessibility Features

**Internet Browsers**

Internet browsers offer their own accessibility features. Learn more at the links below by or doing an internet search for the name of your browser and accessibility.
- Mozilla Firefox: [http://mzl.la/1vd78d9](http://mzl.la/1vd78d9)

Browser add-ons and extensions can further enhance accessibility. Search your browser extensions gallery or app store for accessibility or accessible specific functions like magnifier, screen reader, contrast, readability, voice recognition, etc. to find them.
- Firefox Add-Ons: [http://mzl.la/1pJ1lkQ](http://mzl.la/1pJ1lkQ)

**Technology Accessibility at UA**

Information about the University’s accessibility initiative, links to UA Resources, and more is available at [http://accessibility.ua.edu](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 ghoo@aalan.

**Browser Accessibility Options**

![Browser Accessibility Options](image)

Quick access to common tools
- Make your computer easier to use
- Make the computer easier to see
- Make the computer easier to use
- Make the mouse easier to use
- Make the keyboard easier to use

Make your computer easier to use

- To use the computer without a display: Windows comes with a basic screen reader called Narrator that will read aloud text that appears on the screen. Windows also has settings for providing audio descriptions for videos and controlling how dialog boxes appear.

- To make the computer easier to see: Several settings are available to help make the information on the screen easier to see. For example, the display can be magnified, colors can be adjusted to make the screen easier to see and read, and unnecessary animations and background images can be removed.

- To use the computer without a mouse or keyboard: Windows includes an on-screen keyboard that you can use to type. You can also use Speech Recognition to control your computer with voice commands, and dictate text into programs.

**Ease of Access Center**

The Ease of Access Center is a central location you can use to set up the accessibility settings and programs available in Windows.

Open Ease of Access Center by selecting Start > Control Panel > Ease of Access > Ease of Access Center

**Assistive Technologies**

In addition to the Ease of Access Center, Windows includes three programs that can make it easier to interact with your computer.

1. **Magnifier**
   - Magnifier is a program that magnifies a portion of your computer screen, making it easier to see and read.
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2. **Narrator**
   - Narrator is a program that reads the text on your screen aloud.
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3. **On-Screen Keyboard**
   - On-Screen Keyboard is a program that lets you use your mouse or other device to interact with a keyboard on the screen.
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Adapted from [What accessibility features does Windows offer?](http://bit.ly/1FHQN1f)

**Windows 7 Ease of Access Center**

Explore all settings
When you select these settings, they will automatically start each time you log on.

- Use the computer without a display
- Make the keyboard easier to use
- Make the computer easier to see
- Use text and visual alternatives for sounds
- Use the computer without a mouse or keyboard
- Set up alternative input devices
- Make the mouse easier to use
- Make it easier to focus on tasks
- Adjust settings for reading and typing

4. **Make the mouse easier to use**: You can change the size and color of the mouse pointer, and use the keyboard to control the mouse.

5. **Make the keyboard easier to use**: You can adjust the way Windows responds to mouse or keyboard input so that key combinations are easier to press, typing is easier, and inadvertent key presses are ignored.

6. **Use text and visual alternatives for sounds**: Windows can replace two types of audio information with visual equivalents. You can replace system sounds with visual alerts and you can display text captions for spoken dialog in multimedia programs.

7. **Make it easier to focus on reading and typing tasks**: A number of settings can help make it easier to focus on reading and typing. You can have Narrator read information on the screen, adjust how the keyboard responds to certain keystrokes and control whether certain visual elements are displayed.