

Windows Accessibility

Tools within Windows 7, Windows 8 and other software

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Introduction

- Worked in the disability field for over 20 years in various non-profits in Cleveland
- Much of that time has been with vocational programs working with adults seeking employment
- Focused on computer-related Assistive Technology for 15 years



- Became self-employed four years ago as Better Abilities.



Accessibility in the Operating System (OS)

- Microsoft Windows – Ease of Access



- Macintosh (Apple) – Accessibility



I'm focusing on Windows, but similar items should be found in Macintosh.

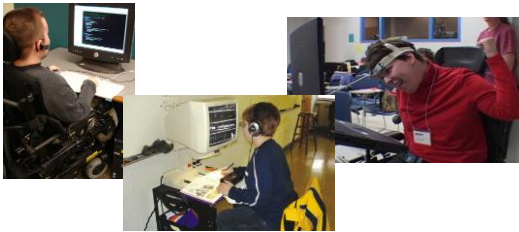
Computer OS ≠ Mobile OS

iPhone, iPad, Android, and all of their Apps are a different presentation.



Windows Phone? I just haven't worked with enough of them to know.

Computer Presents Challenges



History



- Early 1980's – Trace Center created StickyKeys, FilterKeys, MouseKeys
- Late 1980's – Dragon Dictate, ZoomText, JAWS created as third-party software
- Mid 1990's – both Microsoft and Apple begin incorporating accessibility features within their operating systems



How do you use a computer?

- Input
 - Keyboard – enter text, navigate through arrow and tab keys
 - Mouse – click a button, move the pointer to an insert point, drag



How do you use a computer?

- Output
 - Monitor – Lets you see information presented
 - Speakers – Lets you hear information and sounds



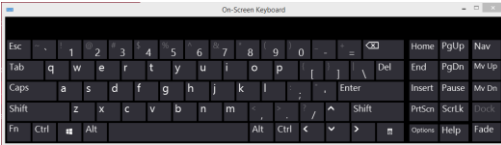
Apologies for being basic,
but we always return to the basics

“Mike, come help. She can’t use the mouse.”



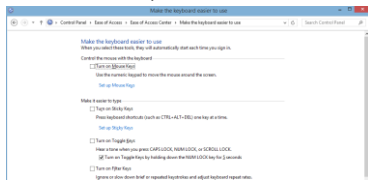
On-Screen Keyboard

- Have good mouse skills
- Be able to see the screen



Ease of Access Center - Keyboard

- MouseKeys
- StickyKeys
- ToggleKeys
- FilterKeys



- Underline Keyboard Shortcuts and Access Keys

Other Keyboard Layouts

- need add ZoomCap stickers to keyboard

Dvorak most popular alternative layout.

Found under Ease of Access – Keyboard and also under Language Settings

Dvorak also has one-handed layouts

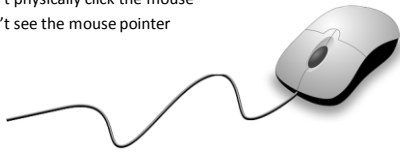


Third-Party Keyboards, Touch Dots



Mouse Problems?

- Can't physically move the mouse
- Can't physically click the mouse
- Can't see the mouse pointer



Keyboard Shortcuts / Navigation

To Do This . . .	Do This . . .
Move from one window to another window	Press ⌘+Tab or Alt+Tab
Maximize your current window	Press ⌘+Up Arrow
Minimize your current window	Press ⌘+Down Arrow
Send current window to screen's left	Press ⌘+Left Arrow
Send current window to screen's right	Press ⌘+Right Arrow
Show or hide the Desktop	Press ⌘+D
Access your laptop's main settings	Press ⌘+X
Launch Windows Explorer	Press ⌘+E
Lock your PC	Press ⌘+L

Ease of Access – Mouse

- Mouse Pointer size & color
- MouseKeys
- Settings
 - Flip Mouse Buttons
 - Speed
 - Pointer Trails
 - Control-Key "Ping"



Third-Party Mice / Trackballs



Which tasks require keyboard vs. mouse

- Keyboard – report-writing, data entry
- Mouse – telephone surveys, internet tasks



Seeing or vision problems?



Bigger Monitor?

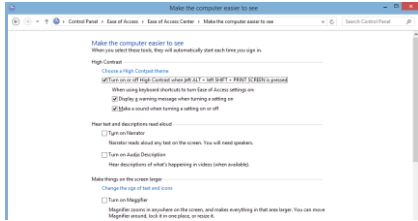


Changing Display Settings / Color & Transparency

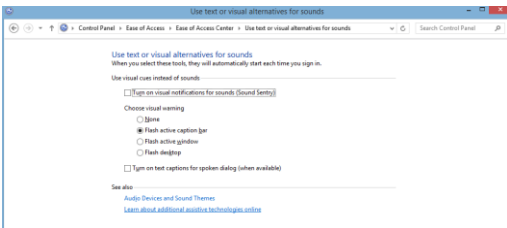


Ease of Access - Display

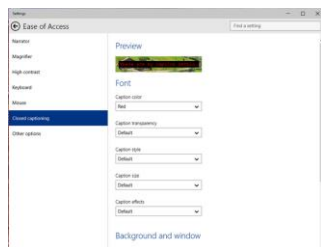
- Narrator
- Magnifier
- Focus box



Hearing Trouble? Only Sound Sentry



Windows 10 – Closed Captioning



Windows vs. Third-Party

I will look first at Windows OS adaptations,
especially if disability is mild.

Most third-party software much better for more significant adaptations:

- Dragon NaturallySpeaking
- JAWS
- ZoomText



OS Accessibility = Universal Design

Eventually, third-party software won't be needed because it will all be included within the Windows Operating System.

iPhone already accessible to people who are totally blind using ONLY iOS software like VoiceOver.



Questions?





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