

ZoomText v9.1 Quick Start

ZoomText v9.1 is installed on all Disability Services computers and on computers in the Library and IS&T computer labs.

Hotkeys:

Launch ZoomText	Alt+Ctrl+Z
Disable ZoomText	Alt+Delete
Enable ZoomText	Alt+ Insert
Increase Magnification	Alt+NumPadPlusKey
Decrease Magnification	Alt+NumPadMinusKey
Color Enhancement Toggle On/Off	Ctrl+Shift+C
Speech Toggle On/Off	Alt+Shift+S
Increase Speech Rate	Ctrl+NumPadPlusKey
Decrease Speech Rate	Ctrl+NumPadMinusKey
View Mode	Ctrl+Shift+V

Using AppReader:

Activate AppReader	Alt+Shift+A
Start Reading	Enter
Stop Reading	Enter or Control
Exit AppReader	Escape

Magnification and Speech Rate Hotkeys are the same as above.

After activating AppReader you may need to click on the first word that you wish to start reading from. This is true in applications such as Outlook and Internet Explorer. AppReader will automatically start reading from the position of your cursor in Microsoft Word. AppReader will not read menus or edit boxes so when reading e-mails in Outlook click inside the message before activating AppReader.

AppReader does not work inside of Adobe Acrobat Reader when it

opens inside of Internet Explorer. In order to read a PDF with AppRader you will need to open the PDF with Adobe Acrobat Reader outside of the Browser.

Mouse Echo

A fast reading tool for ZoomText users is the Mouse Echo feature. This enables you to read lines or words by holding the mouse over what you wish to read.

To turn on Mouse Echo, go to the ZoomText User Interface and open the Reader Menu. Then select Mouse Echo. It is recommended that you use Hover Echo. You can select to read words or whole lines. When you're done, press OK and then you should be able to read anything you hold your mouse over.

Web Finder

Activate Web Finder Alt+Shift+W

You can use Web Finder to find text, links, or controls on a web page. By typing words into the "Search for" edit box links and text appear in the Web Page Items combo box. By selecting one of the items in the combo box you can execute a link or control, scroll to the location on the webpage, or read from that point using AppReader.

If you press enter in the Search for edit box the dialog will execute the first option in the Web Page Items combo box.

Using DocReader:

Activate DocReader Alt+Shift+D

All other hotkeys are the same as AppReader and other standard Zoom Text functions.

DocReader takes the text from a word document, web page, or e-mail and places it into a separate reading window so that you can manipulate the text to easily visually read or to follow along with the speech.

DocReader has two modes for reading. The first is Prompter View which lines the text up and reads through it like it would appear on a teleprompter. Prompter view is the default view of DocReader. The second is Ticker View which displays the magnified text in a single line across the top of a 1x magnification document. They call it Ticker view because it looks like its being fed across the screen like a Wall Street Ticker Tape. Both views are made to use with or without speech. The current word being read is highlighted with a box around it. In Ticker view the current word is highlighted in the ticker as well as in the 1x document below it.

Helpful Hints:

User Preferences

If you have settings that you like to use with ZoomText you can save your customized user settings to the Config folder on our server. If you wish to be able to load your settings from any machine on our network please ask the lab monitor for assistance in setting up a Configuration Load Hotkey.

The Hotkeys for Configuration File Loading is Alt + Shift + 0-9. Your Config file will be assigned a number and you will use that number, 0-9, with the Alt + Shift.

Programs with Speech

When using Zoom Text with a program like OpenBook, which has its own speech, you will probably want to disable Zoom Text speech. It is usually difficult to work with two speech engines talking at the same time.

Internet Explorer

When reading web pages with AppReader or Doc Reader you may encounter pages that they will refuse to read. This has to do with the coding of the page and the only thing you can do if you really need the material read to you is to copy and paste it into a word document.

When reading web pages with Zoom Text Speech you will want to use AppReader over DocReader more times than not. DocReader tends to confuse the columns and reads text out of order on cluttered pages.

JAWS

ZoomText 9.1 and JAWS 10.0 work better together than past versions of the programs. You can now access many of the ZoomText standard hotkeys when running both applications. Although current versions of JAWS and Zoom Text work better together than in the past JAWS still blocks the use of some ZoomText Hotkeys while it is running. If you need magnification while using JAWS MAGic is probably the better choice.

If you are running the 64 bit versions of Windows Vista There are some serious problems when running JAWS and ZoomText. If both are run together and then JAWS is turned off then back on the computer may crash.

DVD Players

To view a DVD in the Adaptive Lab you must first Start and Close Zoom Text and MAGic in order to deactivate their drivers. If you do not do this you will be given Resolution errors when trying to start playing the DVD. In order to avoid this problem on computers outside of the Adaptive Lab access the Zoom Text Help Menu, select Technical Support, enter "PassOn" in the Fix It edit box, and then click on Fix It. This prevents the Zoom Text video driver from being loaded on

computer startup.

Multilanguage Support

We do not currently have the licensing for Multilanguage support. You can currently select ViaVoice engines to read languages like Spanish or French but the interface and help menus for ZoomText are only available in English.