



## Screen readers and screen-reading software

Screen readers are assistive technology that convert written text into speech or Braille to support people with reading difficulties, sight loss or blindness. Some options for screen readers are:

### **JAWS (Job Access With Speech)**

The world's most popular screen reader for Windows devices. This can be purchased from various suppliers such as VisionAid or Sight and Sound Technologies.

### **NVDA (Non-Visual Desktop Access)**

A free screen reader only available for PCs running Microsoft Windows 8.1 and later. It is possible to download a free version from [www.nvaccess.org](http://www.nvaccess.org).

### **Windows Narrator**

A built-in screen reader within Windows computer devices. To enable or disable Narrator, on a keyboard, press the Windows logo key + Ctrl + Enter.

The background of the page features a close-up, top-down view of a light-colored computer keyboard. Visible keys include 'V', 'B', 'N', 'M', and the arrow keys. To the right, a portion of a white pencil with a yellow eraser and a sharpened lead tip is visible, resting on a white surface. The overall aesthetic is clean and professional.

## **TalkBack**

A built-in screen reader for Android devices, designed for touchscreen accessibility.

## **VoiceOver**

A built-in screen reader for devices running iOS. With VoiceOver enabled, users are required to use different touch screen gestures to control the device.

## **Dolphin Screen Reader**

A purchasable and customisable software for Windows devices. Users will be provided with remote training and can contact Dolphin Support with issues and questions. For more information, please visit [www.yourdolphin.com](http://www.yourdolphin.com).

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