



Virtual Assistants for people with deafblindness

What is a Virtual Assistant?

A Virtual Assistant is a software-based helper designed to support users with tasks, answer questions, and provide information and advice.

What can Virtual Assistants do?

Amongst other actions, Virtual Assistants can support with:

- Hands-free control of lighting, heating, and smart appliances
- Communication through calls and messages
- Access to information such as weather, news, calendars, events, etc.
- Navigation and orientation via apps
- Entertainment such as audiobooks, games, radios, music, and more
- Safety features, i.e. emergency calls or noise alerts
- Accessibility tools, including magnification, screen readers, haptic support and more.

The 5 most popular Virtual Assistants:

- Amazon Alexa
- Apple Siri
- Google Assistant
- Microsoft Copilot
- Samsung Bixby

Which devices use Virtual Assistants?

- **Smart Speakers:** Amazon Echo, Google Nest, Apple HomePod, etc.
- **Smartphones:** Apple iPhone, Samsung Smartphone, Blindshell Classic, SmartVision, etc.
- **iPads/Tablets:** Apple iPad, Android tablet
- **Computing devices:** Windows computer or laptop, Apple MacBook, iMac, Mac Mini, Mac Studio, ChromeBook

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