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JAWS® Screen Reading Software August Update

The latest version of JAWS can be downloaded using the links below. For new installations, download and save the executable file to your PC and install from there. Make sure to download the correct version (64-bit or 32-bit) for your computer, which we have detected is a 64-bit computer. Instructions to verify whether you have a 64-bit or 32-bit computer can be found at the bottom of this page.

Learn what is new in JAWS 2018.

Enhancements in JAWS 2018.1808.10 (August 2018)

The following is a list of improvements made in JAWS 2018 between the July 2018 update and the August 2018 update.

Skype: Skype now offers three options on Windows 10.

- 1. You can continue using Skype Classic which is version 7 and works very well with JAWS. Note that Skype Classic is expected to be retired at some point not yet known.
- 2. You can download and install the new Desktop version 8, which is now supported in this latest JAWS 2018 August update. See details below.
- 3. You can install the Universal App from the Microsoft Store. However, this is the least accessible at this time and we recommend you install Skype 7 or 8 for the best support.

For users moving to Skype 8, please be certain to download the version referred to as "Skype for Windows" which works well on Windows 10. Note that the Universal App we are not recommending is referred to as "Skype for Windows 10".

For those using Skype version 8, we have added some additional keystrokes to help with navigation since these options are not offered in Skype. These commands are:

- Move to the chat entry field: CTRL+INSERT+E
- Move to the chat history list: CTRL+INSERT+Y
- Move to the conversations list: CTRL+INSERT+N

You can also use the JAWS command **INSERT+W** while focused on Skype for a list of most of the keyboard commands you would want to know when using Skype. For a full list from Microsoft, please visit the Skype Hotkeys Web Page.

Tip: You can assign a keystroke such as **ALT+CTRL+S** to the Skype icon on the Desktop to quickly open Skype to answer an incoming call. If you are in another application and you receive an incoming call alert, you can press your shortcut keystroke to open Skype, press **INSERT+UP ARROW** or **INSERT+TAB** to read the caller information, and then press **CTRL+SHIFT+P** or use **TAB** to choose Answer or Decline.

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Other Changes

- Resolved and issue in Excel from Office 365 where JAWS was not correctly reading the contents of cells after pressing F2 to edit.
- If Contracted Braille Input is enabled, resolved an issue where various JAWS and Windows
 commands were not working as expected when performed from a braille display such as the
 Focus Blue.
- Resolved a reported issue with the text of links in the JAWS Virtual Viewer not being shown on the braille display if status cells were turned off.
- Addressed a reported issue where the Amazon Kindle app would stop working when attempting to read tables in certain books.
- When configuring the High, Medium, or Low web verbosity levels in Settings Center, the start and end announcements for regions can now be turned off or on in Edge.
- Addressed visual tracking issues with JAWS and Fusion when navigating web pages in Firefox 60 and later using the ARROW keys and Navigation Quick Keys.
- A customer reported that JAWS would unexpectedly stop speaking while navigating a particular document in Word. This is now fixed.
- When using the INSERT+SHIFT+R or WINDOWS+SEMICOLON commands in word to list revisions
 or display revisions in the Virtual Viewer, if the document contains a lot of revisions, JAWS now
 plays a sound every few seconds as the list is being built. After 30 seconds, if all revisions have not
 yet been found, JAWS plays a different tone, and only the revisions found up to that point are
 displayed.
- Resolved an issue where JAWS could sometimes close unexpectedly while reading an Outlook message using Say All.
- JAWS now includes a Turkish language braille table which can be selected in the Computer Braille Tables dialog box in Settings Center.
- Corrected the pronunciation of some symbols in the French version of JAWS.

DOWNLOAD LINKS

English (ENU) JAWS 2018 Full Version Downloads

<u>J2018.1808.10.400-enu-x64.exe</u> <u>J2018.1808.10.400-enu-x86.exe</u>

Note: You will need an internet connection during the JAWS installation. If you will be installing JAWS on a computer that does not have Internet access, you will need to download and install the <u>Convenient OCR</u> <u>Installer</u> before beginning the main JAWS installation.

- JAWS 2018.1808.10 64-bit English August 2018
- JAWS 2018.1808.10 32-bit English August 2018
- Previous versions of JAWS

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Do I need to download the 64-bit or 32-bit version of software?

- 1. Press WINDOWS Key+R to open the Run dialog box.
- 2. Type "c:" without the guotes and then press **ENTER** to display the contents of your C drive.
- 3. Press the letter **P** until you reach the "**Program Files**" folder, and then press **P** once more. If you have 64-bit Windows, you have two folders: one named "**Program Files**" and another named "**Program Files** (x86)."
 - If you have 32-bit Windows, you only have one folder named "Program Files."
- 4. Please select the appropriate 64-bit or 32-bit version to run on your system.

Non-Tandem JAWS

JAWS includes a unique feature that lets users on two different computers in different locations create a secure connection with each other over the internet. This is extremely useful for support and training purposes. Some organizations do not wish to allow this and would prefer to install a version that blocks such functionality. Because of this, we provide JAWS without the Tandem feature.

- JAWS 2018.1808.10Non-Tandem 64-bit English August 2018
- JAWS 2018.1808.10Non-Tandem 32-bit English August 2018

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Our two(2) state-of-the-art technology showrooms are a wonderful resource, showcasing a variety of leading electronic low vision magnifiers and blindness products. You can <u>schedule an appointment</u> with one of our Vision Specialists who can help you find the right technology, training and care solution.

If you cannot come to us, our staff can even drive out and bring our Vision Store to you, for a noobligation product demonstration. We offer a comprehensive line of products including electronic magnification low vision aids, blindness products, and leading low vision products for people with glaucoma, macular degeneration and other forms of vision loss.