

What's New in ZoomText 2020

Faster and more stable

We are happy to announce the release of ZoomText 2020. Our year spent optimizing the software has culminated in speed and performance improvements that make ZoomText 2020 the best release to date.

If you use ZoomText's AppReader with Google Chrome, you will notice that web pages open much more quickly. Also, navigation is greatly improved, with enhancements to focus, cursor, and echo functionality. If you use Gmail or Facebook, you'll see better cursor tracking.

Previously, when running AppReader with Chrome, it could take from five to 15 seconds to start AppReader on dynamic web pages. With ZoomText 2020, that time has been reduced to under one second. In addition, you'll notice better link, line, word, sentence, and paragraph navigation.

Now Optimized for 64-bit Windows OS

ZoomText 2019 and earlier ran as a 32-bit application on Windows 64-bit computers. ZoomText 2020 now runs as a 64-bit application. This improves both speed and performance.

To take advantage of these improvements, we invite you to [download and install ZoomText 2020](#) today.

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Enhanced JAWS and Invisible Cursor Support for Windows 10 Universal Apps

For years, JAWS users have relied on the JAWS cursor (**NUM PAD MINUS**) and Invisible cursor (**NUM PAD MINUS** twice quickly) to review and interact with areas in an application where the PC cursor cannot go. This includes reading textual information which is on-screen but not focusable, and interacting with controls which are only accessible using a mouse as the mouse pointer will follow the JAWS cursor and NUM PAD SLASH and NUM PAD STAR will perform a left and right click. However, the Off-Screen Model (OSM) which has traditionally been used to support the JAWS and Invisible cursors is becoming less and less available as newer technology such as UIA, found especially in Windows universal apps like the calculator or the Windows Store, is now being used exclusively for accessing screen content. This results

in the JAWS and Invisible cursors becoming unusable when attempting to navigate in those windows. All you would hear in those cases was "blank" as you reviewed the screen. This is because the modern technology currently in use is not able to be captured by the traditional Off-Screen Model. In those cases, the only solution was using the Touch Cursor, something most users are not as familiar with.

JAWS 2020 now detects when focus is in an application where the OSM is not supported and will automatically use the new JAWS Scan cursor in these situations. You will use all of the same navigation commands as you would with the traditional JAWS cursor or the Invisible cursors.

For example, if you open the Calculator or Windows Store in JAWS 2020 and press **NUM PAD MINUS**, you will now hear JAWS announce "JAWS Scan Cursor" as these are apps that do not support the OSM. You can then use the **ARROW** keys like you always have done to move by character, word, line, as well as **INSERT+UP ARROW** to read the current line, or **PAGE UP, PAGE DOWN, HOME, and END**. The mouse pointer will also continue to follow as it always has. The only difference is that the cursor does not move from top to bottom or left to right. Instead, it moves by element the way the developer laid out the app.

While this works in many places, there are still some areas where more work by Freedom Scientific is required. For instance, if you use Office 365, and try to read your Account version information with the JAWS cursor commands, it is still not possible to navigate and read in these places. That work is underway and we plan to have an update for this area in the 2020 version soon. Stay tuned.

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Contracted Braille Input Enhancements

For EIBraille users as well as those who regularly use a Braille display with their PC, JAWS 2020 offers significant improvements when typing in contracted Braille. In particular:

- You should now be able to enter and edit text in numbered and bulleted lists in Word, WordPad, Outlook, and Windows Mail.
- Contracted Braille input is now supported in more applications including PowerPoint and TextPad.
- Improved Contracted Braille input in WordPad, especially when editing a numbered or bulleted list created in Word and opened in Wordpad. This includes properly handling wrapped items which previously showed the number or bullet on subsequent wrapped lines, rather than indenting the text.
- Improved Contracted Braille input in Chrome, Google docs, and other online editors which can create bulleted and numbered lists.
- Typing rapidly using Contracted Braille in Microsoft Office as well as other applications should no longer result in text becoming scrambled.

Updated JAWS Basic Training

The JAWS Basic Training has been updated to include the latest features in JAWS 2020. There will still be the same nine books, however each book has been reorganized to be more task oriented as well as simplified to apply to more people in more situations. For instance, in the JAWS User Interface and Utilities book, we won't be trying to show everything in the UI as we did in the past. Instead, we point out the most important things and where to find them in both

the menus and in the Utilities folder. This makes it easier for teachers, instructors, IT professionals, etc. to get an overview of where to find things quickly.

To update a book, do the following:

1. Press **INSERT+J** to open the JAWS application window.
2. Press **ALT+H** to choose the Help menu, and then press **ENTER** to choose Training.
3. FSReader opens and displays the JAWS Training Table of Contents which contains links to all of the available DAISY training books. Use the **ARROW** keys to navigate to the book you want to open and then press **ENTER**. If the book is not currently on your computer or an updated book is available, FSReader will automatically download and install it.
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- ZoomText ISO and Artwork Links:
 - [ZT2020_MUL.iso](#)
 - [Zoomtext_CD_2020.zip](#)

- Fusion Download Link: [F2020.1910.17.400.exe](#)
- Fusion Offline Installer: [F2020.1910.17.400-Offline.exe](#)
- Fusion ISO and Artwork Links / English – ENU
 - [F2020_ENU.iso](#)
 - [DVD_Fusion_2020_Artwork_English_Outlines.zip](#)

- JAWS Download Link: [J2020.1910.54.400.exe](#)
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