## Enhancements in ZoomText and Fusion (July 2021)

Quick Access Bar and New Functionality

Docking the Quick Access Bar

You can now dock the Quick Access Bar to one of four corners on your screen, which will be the default once you have installed this update. This provides a location for the Quick Access Bar to return to when it loses focus. It also makes it easy to find when viewing a magnified screen.

### Pinning the Quick Access Bar

You can temporarily pin the Quick Access Bar to the current location of the pointer for easy access. The bar remains in this spot until you unpin it, move it to a new location, or close ZoomText or Fusion.

#### Restoring Quick Access Bar Shortcuts

The Quick Access Bar can hold a maximum of eight shortcuts. You can customize the bar by removing or replacing the default shortcuts. In this update, you can now restore the bar to its factory default shortcuts. To do this, select the bar's Customize button and then choose Restore Default.

### **ONYX** Camera

Support for the Freedom Scientific ONYX camera has been added to ZoomText.

**Cursor Enhancements** 

- Resolved an issue where the cursor enhancement was not following the text caret while reading or creating Gmail messages.
- Resolved an issue where the cursor enhancement was not tracking correctly in the search box.
- Resolved an issue where the cursor enhancement was appearing in static text on a web page when navigating with the **TAB** key or mouse.
- Resolved an issue where cursor enhancement, program echo, and tracking would stop working in Chrome, Edge, and WordPad.
- Resolved an issue where cursor enhancement was not tracking correctly in Google Docs.
- Resolved an issue where cursor enhancement was not tracking correctly in Notepad.
- Resolved an issue where cursor enhancement was not working correctly in Thunderbird.
- Resolved an issue in Teams where the cursor enhancement would disappear in the Chat window.
- Resolved an issue where cursor enhancement would disappear in the Command Prompt window.
- Resolved an issue where the cursor enhancement was not tracking correctly when using keyboard commands to navigate in a Word document.

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• Resolved an issue where the cursor enhancement and focus enhancement were out of sync when using the Windows Start Menu.

• Resolved an issue where the cursor enhancement would disappear in Notepad.

Focus Enhancements

- Resolved an issue in Thunderbird where focus enhancement would disappear when opening or creating new messages.
- Resolved an issue in Chrome and Edge where focus enhancement would disappear from the address and search bars.
- Resolved a reported issue where focus enhancement and program echo were not working in the Windows Settings dialog box.
- Resolved an issue where focus enhancement was not tracking correctly in several Google Workspace apps.
- Resolved a random focus tracking issue when navigating the Quick Access Bar.

• Resolved an issue where focus enhancement was not working correctly in AppReader. Mouse Echo

• Improved mouse echo delay performance when hovering over words.

AppReader

- Resolved an issue where cursor enhancement, program echo, and tracking would stop working in AppReader.
- Resolved an issue with Edge where AppReader would stop working.
- Resolved an issue where Text View mode in AppReader was not correctly highlighting or reading Japanese text.
- Resolved a reported issue where some AppReader and Text Cursor commands were not working correctly when reading Japanese text.
- Resolved an issue where AppReader was skipping words in lines of text containing links.
- Resolved an issue where AppReader treated quotation marks as words when reading Spanish text.
- Resolved an issue where AppReader was not reading text correctly in Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Thunderbird and Teams.

## Enhancements in JAWS and Fusion (July 2021)

- Changed the keystroke to access the Quick Keys layer in Google Docs to INSERT+SPACEBAR followed by G. Once this layer is active, you can use keystrokes to quickly move to specific elements in a document such as H for headings, T for tables, C for comments, and more. To see a full list of available commands, press INSERT+SPACEBAR followed by G while focused in Google Docs, and then press QUESTION MARK.
- Addressed issues with JAWS not reading as expected when navigating a table of contents in Google Docs using **CTRL+UP ARROW** and **CTRL+DOWN ARROW** to read by paragraph.

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- Added support for horizontal lines inserted into Google documents as separators.
- When navigating by word in a cell in Google Sheets, resolved an issue where JAWS would repeat the last word.
- Resolved an issue in Google Sheets where JAWS was not properly announcing links that directly followed each other on separate lines.
- Resolved an issue with JAWS not reading search results on the Windows 11 Start Screen.
- Resolved reported problems where some users were finding Navigation Quick Keys turned on when trying to reply to Outlook email messages.
- Resolved an issue where selecting text in Outlook using the keyboard was not scrolling the screen as expected, making it difficult for Fusion users or anyone sighted using JAWS to determine what was selected.
- Addressed an issue where it was no longer possible to use JAWS to create or edit posts in WordPress 5.60 or later.
- Improved announcements of regions on web pages that include an aria-role description attribute.
- When navigating tables on web pages, resolved an issue where JAWS would not always announce row and column headers when headers were not defined by the table author.
- Pressing the layered command **INSERT+SPACEBAR** followed by **N** now speaks the most recent Windows notification even when Speech On Demand is active.
- In Outlook, the JAWS keystroke for moving to the body of a message or the notes area of a Calendar appointment is now INSERT+ALT+GRAVE ACCENT. This has also been updated in the JAWS Commands Search (INSERT+SPACEBAR, J). The previous keystroke, ALT+GRAVE ACCENT, is now used by Microsoft to activate their email dictation feature.
- Made changes necessary for JAWS to properly support Mozilla Thunderbird 87 and later.
- Added JAWS support for the NLSeReader Zoomax braille display available from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the United States. Note that a system driver, available from the manufacturer, must be installed first before this display can be used with JAWS.
- Resolved an issue with Kofax Power PDF where JAWS would only read the first line of a PDF document.
- After modifying a Speech and Sounds scheme and choosing to make it the default, addressed an issue where it was not being saved as the default scheme as expected.
- Medical Device Regulation numbers have been added for JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion releases as of the July 2021 updates. These numbers are displayed in the About dialog boxes for each software product.
- Removed the Convert Currency Research It lookup source due to changes with the <u>xe.com</u> website which no longer allows us to retrieve information.

### Downloads

JAWS Connected Link: <u>J2021.2107.12.400 Connected</u>

JAWS Offline Installers: <u>J2021.2107.12.400-Offline-x64.exe</u> <u>J2021.2107.12.400-Offline-x86.exe</u>

ZoomText Connected Link: Z2021.2107.10.400 Connected

ZoomText Offline Link: Z2021.2107.10.400-Offiline

Fusion Connected Link: F2021.210.3.400.exe

Fusion Offline Installer: F2021.2107.3.400-Offline.exe

#### About New England Low Vision and Blindness

New England Low Vision and Blindness brings hope through technology, training, and care. We are a full-service assistive technology rehabilitation training provider. We offer nearly 100% of all major electronic low vision, blindness, and software products and an assistive technology showroom center.

We provide 'patient choice' showcasing numerous technology options from the world's most respected suppliers, all in line with one's individualized budgetary limits and personal, educational, or professional goals. We also provide custom training solutions and troubleshooting support.

Widely known, tested, and trusted throughout New England, our team brings 75+ years of low vision experience. Our talent, technology, and training offerings are unmatched and highly respected. We are an extremely unique and extraordinary resource for anyone suffering from vision loss in New England. We are here to help.

Through our free demonstrations - either at one of our conveniently located assistive technology showrooms or in their home, office, or school - clients experience a relaxed 2-hour free personal demonstration of almost 100% of all low vision and blindness technologies available on the market.

To learn more about how we Bring Hope to people who are blind or with low vision, contact a Technology Specialist at New England Low Vision and Blindness please call our toll-free number 888-211-6933 or email us at info@nelowvision.com. You can also use the form above to request information about our services or a free demonstration on this or any of our products.