



Windows

Windows Narrator

Getting Started with Narrator

You can use a screen reader to hear your documents or web page read aloud.

Windows Narrator speaks the information aloud that is in documents or web pages. Narrator is built right into Windows so you don't need to install it. Once you've turned your computer on, you can direct Narrator to start reading aloud. **Give it a try!**

1. Press Control + Windows + Enter key. This will start Narrator speaking aloud.
2. To mute Narrator, press the Control key.
3. The first time you run Narrator, you might get a message about some Narrator updates. You can close that message by pressing the Tab key until you hear Narrator say, "Don't show this message again." Press the spacebar to check that box and press Enter.

4. When you start Narrator, you're in Narrator Home. Press the down arrow key to get to the Quick Start button to learn the basics of Narrator. Press the spacebar on the Quick Start button to activate it.

Tip: Alt + Q also opens the Quick Start Guide.

5. Use the Tab key to move through Narrator Home and to get to the following controls. Press the spacebar to open any of the controls:
 - Alt + G is the Narrator Guide button, which gives you detailed information on how to use Narrator.
 - Alt + W is the What's New button where you find out what has changed since the last version of Narrator.
 - Alt + S is the Settings button, where you can customize how Narrator works for you.

Tip: Check out the workshop on Settings in Narrator for more information.

- Alt + F is the feedback button, which you select when you want to share feedback with Microsoft.

- “Show Narrator Home when Narrator starts” can be checked on or off by pressing the spacebar.
- Press Tab again to get to the control Link, which tells Narrator to start automatically when you sign into your account.
- Alt + X exits Narrator. To turn it back on, press Control + Windows + Enter.
- Alt + M minimizes or moves Narrator out of the way, even though it’s still running.

Now that you’ve explored how to use Narrator Home, try it out to see how it might improve your experience. Then why not try another workshop to continue maximizing the ways you use your screen reader?

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