



Windows

Windows Narrator

Scan Mode

Scan Mode lets you navigate around in different ways to read what's on the screen.

Narrator has two methods of navigating around and reading what's on the screen: Narrator Views and Scan Mode. For more information on Narrator Views, you can check out that workshop. Scan Mode lets you move really quickly through an app or web page just by using your arrow keys and some shortcut keys. **Try it out!**

1. The CapsLock key is the Narrator key. When you hold it down and press another key, you can do many useful things.
2. Navigate to the Narrator Home window, which launches when Narrator starts.
3. Press the CapsLock/Narrator key + spacebar to toggle Scan Mode on and off.

4. With Scan Mode on, press the right arrow key to move character by character.
5. Press the down arrow key to get to the QuickStart button or use Alt + Q.
6. Press the down arrow key again to get to the next button, text, link, or checkbox the screen reader encounters.

Shortcuts

7. Press the letter B to get to the next button. Press Shift key + B button to go to the previous button.
8. Press X to get to any checkboxes in the window. Press Shift key + X to move to the previous control of that type, in this case a checkbox.
9. Press K to jump to the next link in your window. Press Shift key + K to move to the previous control of that type, in this case a link.
10. Press H to get to the next heading, which you see a lot of as you're browsing the web.

11. Press F to get to form fields, which are controls that you interact with like buttons, checkboxes, combo boxes for selecting from a list, edit boxes, or radio buttons for selecting one choice from a group of choices.
12. Press C to get to a combo box.
13. Press R to get to radio buttons.
14. Press E to get to edit boxes.

Narrator automatically turns off Scan Mode while you're in an edit box so you can type without having to worry about jumping around to all these different controls. When you're done typing, press the down arrow key or the CapsLock/Narrator key + right arrow to move out of the edit box and on to the next item.

Scan Mode in Narrator is a powerful way for you to navigate in your web browsers or any other programs that you'd like to use it in. Try it out and then check out another workshop to continue maximizing the way you use your screen reader.

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