Making surfing easier: free resources to adapt and assist

There are many free adaptive and assistive resources available to help you use computers and the internet more easily. Follow the links below for further details.

Cursors

Cursor enlarger
http://rbx.de/big-cursors/
This Windows based software allows you to enlarge your cursor. Each of the enlarged cursors is the maximum 32 by 32 pixels.

Keyboard

Click-N-Type virtual keyboard
www.lakefolks.org/cnt/
Click-N-Type is an on-screen virtual keyboard designed for anyone who needs help using a physical keyboard. Works with all pointing devices including head mouse and virtual mouse programs like Point-N-Click. Types into all programs including IE address boxes.

Rapidkeys
http://rapidkeys.netfirms.com/en/index.htm
RapidKeys' intelligent virtual keyboard is an application intended to replace the keyboard by using a pointing device (mouse, trackball or similar device.

Magnifying software

Another Lens
www.b-zone.de/software/lens.htm
Another Lens displays a magnified view of the area of the mouse cursor. The window contents can be locked, and saved to a file or copied to the clipboard for taking screenshots. Stays on top of other windows optionally.

EzMagnifier v. 1.2 by Ancient Software
www.ancientsoft.com/ezmagnifier.htm
EzMagnifier is a small utility to magnify a portion of the screen where you can choose the zooming factor and resize the magnified portion itself to suit your needs. You can capture the image of the magnified area and the program saves it in the same folder of the program and you can save multiple captures as the program save them sequentially.

Galileo
www.baum.de/en/products/software/galileo.php
Galileo 4 is the screen magnification software for Windows NT/2000/XP developed by BAUM.

iZoom Screen Magnifier
www.issist1.com/
This is a Screen Magnifier and Reader. Magnify your screen anywhere from 1.5 to 16 times while having it read out to you, all ready with colour/cursor enhancements and image smoothing.

Virtual Magnifying Glass
http://magnifier.sourceforge.net/
Virtual Magnifying Glass is an easy-to-use screen magnification tool for Windows.

Mouse

Point-N-Click
www.polital.com/pnc/
This software is a virtual mouse. It has right click, left click, double left click, click and drag, scroll, double right click, alt key, shift key, ctrl key and scroll key.

Voice software

Browsealoud
www.browsealoud.com/
This software reads web pages aloud for people who find it difficult to read online. It is particularly useful for people with dyslexia or mild visual impairment.

EdWord and EdWeb
www.deafblindonline.org.uk/software.html#ee
EdWord is a talking word processor that allows you to combine text with symbols. EdWeb is a talking web browser that can display web pages as a combination of text and symbols.

E-Speaking
www.e-speaking.com/download.htm
e-Speaking is voice and speech recognition software that is free to download and use.

NaturalReader
www.naturalreaders.com/
NaturalReader is software that converts any text into natural sounding voices. It reads text directly from other applications, without copying or pasting.

Read Please
www.readplease.com/
ReadPlease 2003 (Free Edition) is text-to-speech software. It reads text via Windows clipboard from any program, and has an adjustable voice speed (rate).

Sayz Me
http://sourceforge.net/projects/sayzme/

Sayz Me is a text-to-speech application for Windows. Text can be typed in or read from clipboard. Words are highlighted when spoken.

Thunder
www.screenreader.net/index.php?section=Thunder
ScreenReader that provides the ability to write letters and documents, hear what you have typed letter by letter or word by word, change the speed and voice, and repeat what you have just heard and more.

Windows XP Narrator
www.microsoft.com/enable/training/windowsxp/narratorturnon.aspx
Narrator is a text–to–speech utility for people who are blind or have low vision. It reads what is displayed on the screen—the contents of the active window, menu options, or text that has been typed.

Others

Big.com
www.big.com/ An accessible search engine

Power Talk
www.oatsoft.org/Software/PowerTalk
PowerTalk automatically speaks any presentation or slide show running in Microsoft PowerPoint for Windows. PowerTalk is able to speak text as it appears and can also speak hidden text attached to images. Speech is provided by the standard synthesised computer voices that are provided with Windows.

Webbie
www.webbie.org.uk/
WebbIE is a web browser for people who are blind and visually-impaired... especially those using screen readers.

Word Talk
www.wordtalk.org.uk/
For people with reading and writing difficulties, having text reinforced by hearing it read aloud can be very useful.

CCT solitaire
www.afb.org/prodProfile.asp?ProdID=718&SourceID=70
A fully accessible traditional solitaire game. Keyboard commands perform all functions. Sound effects are included.

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