

Making Computer talk using Windows Narrator in Windows 7

Ease of Access Center has replaced **Accessibility Options** in the **'Control Panel'**.

Open **Ease of Access Center** press **'Windows'** logo key + **'U'** or click Start button **'Control Panel'** + **'Ease of Access'** + **'Ease of Access Center'**.

Click to start **'Narrator'** under **Quick access to common tools** or press **'Alt'** + **'N'**.

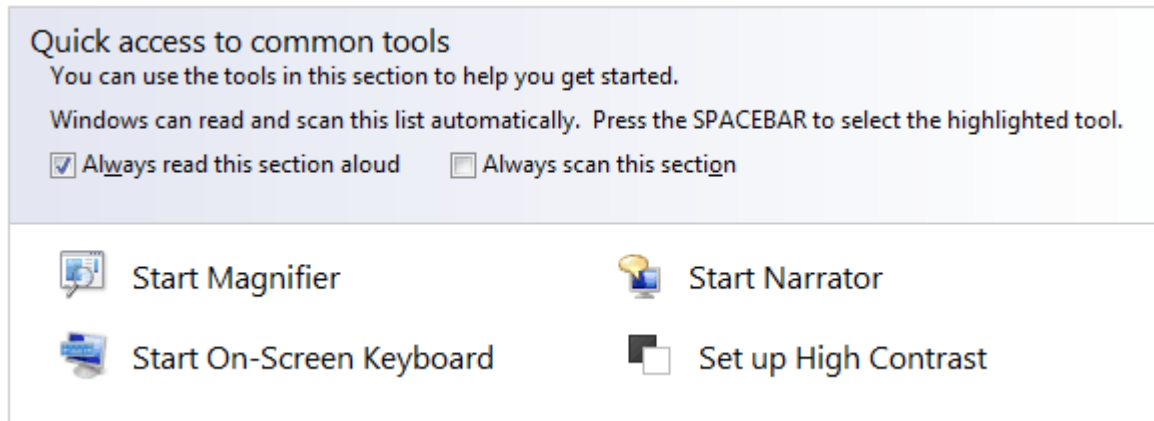


Fig 1

To start **Narrator** when starting **Windows**, click to select or **'Tab'** to **'Use a computer without a display'** under **Explore all settings**.

Click on or press **'Alt'** + **'U'** to **'Turn on Narrator'** under **Hear text read aloud**, see Fig 2.

Use the computer without a display

When you select these settings, they will automatically start each time you log on.

Hear text read aloud

Turn on Narrator

Narrator reads aloud any text on the screen. You will need speakers.

Turn on Audio Description

Hear descriptions of what's happening in videos (when available).

[Set up Text to Speech](#)

Fig 2

Click on or press **'Alt'** + **'S'** to **Save**.

Once you turn on **Narrator** you are able to select what **Narrator** will read aloud, see Fig 3.

Click to select or press:

Alt + K to select **Echo User's Keystrokes**, if you want text to be read aloud as you type.

Alt + M to select **Announce System Messages**, if you want to have system messages read aloud.

Alt + N to select **Announce Scroll Notifications**, if you want to hear screen scrolls.

Alt + Z to select **Start Narrator Minimized**, if you want the settings box minimized at start up.

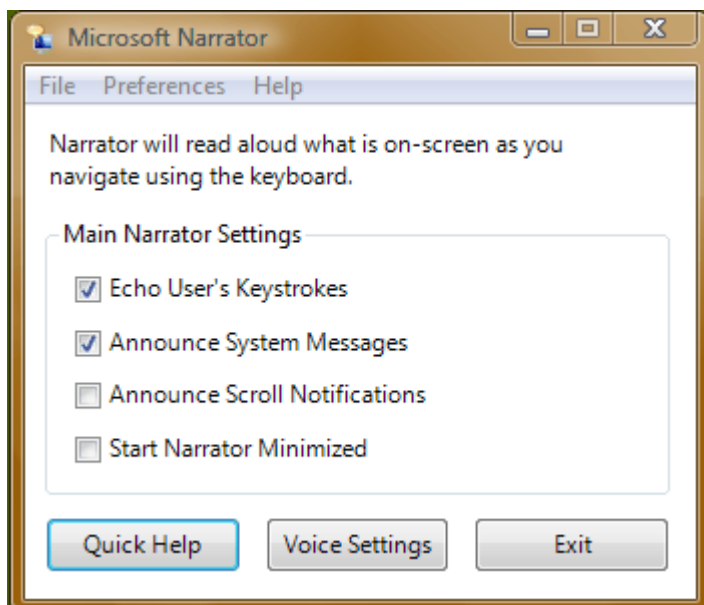


Fig 3

To read text from a screen use the following shortcuts when Narrator is running

- Insert+F3
- Insert+F4
- Insert+F5
- Insert+F6
- Insert+F7
- Read the current character
- Read the current word
- Read the current line
- Read the current paragraph
- Read the current page

- Insert+F8
- Read the current document

Note: If this does not work it could be because your computer settings cannot be changed due to local IT policies - contact your local IT support for further help.