



GETTING STARTED WITH JAWS

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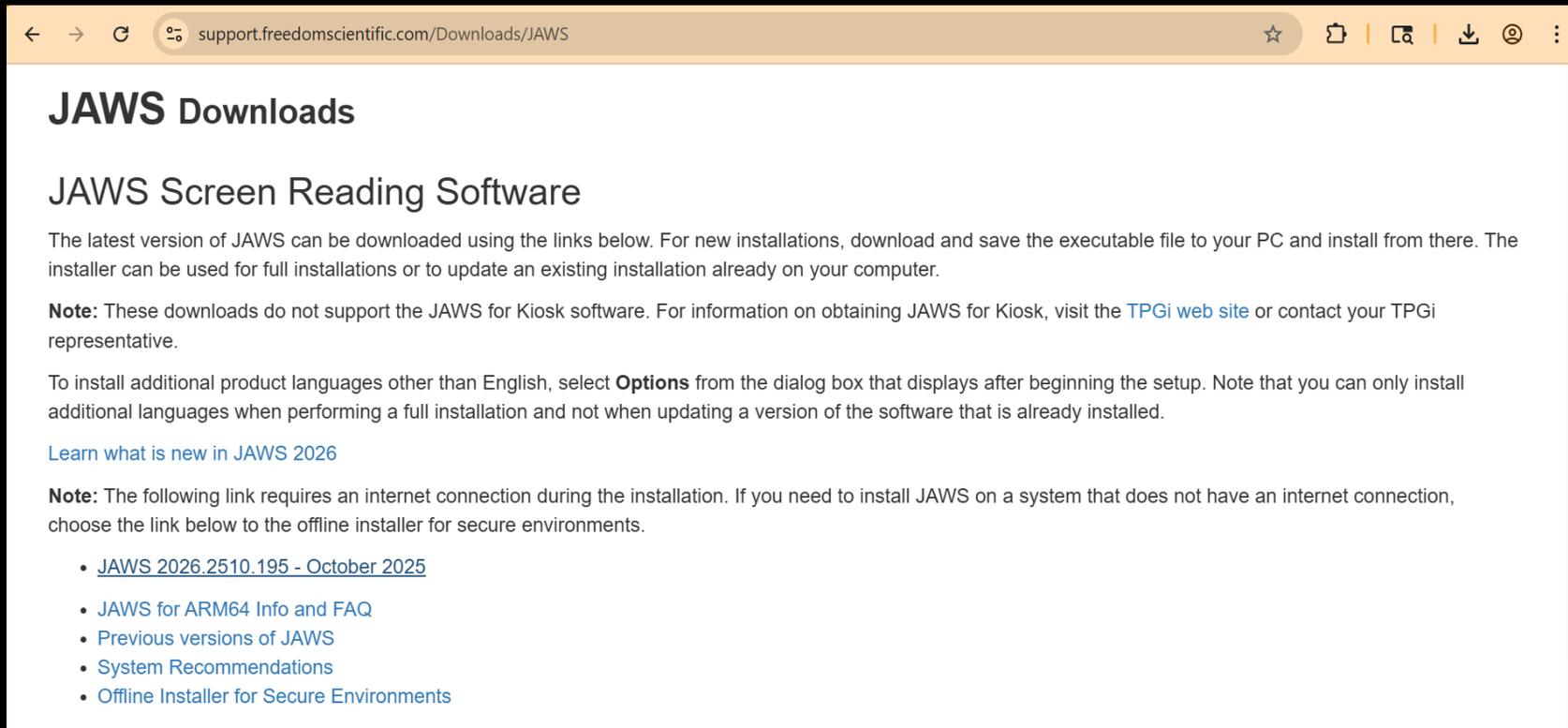
GETTING TO KNOW THE PRESENTER:

- Job Title: Assistive Technology Specialist
- Employer: Easterseals Crossroads (2014-Present); www.eastersealstech.com
- Previous Work
 - Youth Program Director: accessABILITY Center for Independent Living (2012-2014)
- Education: Purdue University; B.S. Human Services
- Certifications
 - RESNA Certified Assistive Technology Professional
 - JAWS Certification from Freedom Scientific (2024)



INSTALLING JAWS ON PC COMPUTER

- Visit <https://support.freedomscientific.com/Downloads/JAWS> to download JAWS software



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying support.freedomscientific.com/Downloads/JAWS. The page content includes:

JAWS Downloads

JAWS Screen Reading Software

The latest version of JAWS can be downloaded using the links below. For new installations, download and save the executable file to your PC and install from there. The installer can be used for full installations or to update an existing installation already on your computer.

Note: These downloads do not support the JAWS for Kiosk software. For information on obtaining JAWS for Kiosk, visit the [TPGi web site](#) or contact your TPGi representative.

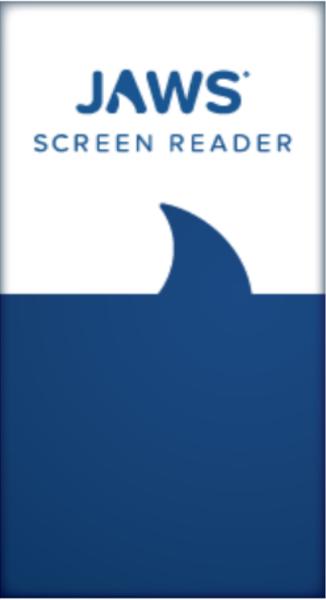
To install additional product languages other than English, select **Options** from the dialog box that displays after beginning the setup. Note that you can only install additional languages when performing a full installation and not when updating a version of the software that is already installed.

[Learn what is new in JAWS 2026](#)

Note: The following link requires an internet connection during the installation. If you need to install JAWS on a system that does not have an internet connection, choose the link below to the offline installer for secure environments.

- [JAWS 2026.2510.195 - October 2025](#)
- [JAWS for ARM64 Info and FAQ](#)
- [Previous versions of JAWS](#)
- [System Recommendations](#)
- [Offline Installer for Secure Environments](#)

JAWS Install



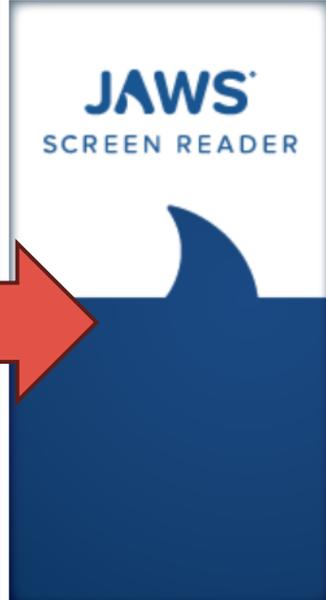
Welcome to the JAWS Install
Press Spacebar to accept the License Agreement followed by Enter to begin.

[License agreement](#)

I accept the license agreement

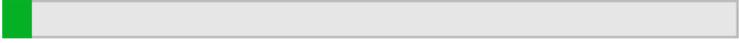
Options Install Cancel

JAWS Install



Performing JAWS Install
Press Escape to Cancel.

Status: Acquiring...



Install Cancel

JAWS Setup Information

The setup has made changes that require you to restart your computer.
Would you like to restart now?

Yes No

CREATING A VISPERO ACCOUNT (JAWS 2026 AND BEYOND)

- The 2026 version of JAWS and beyond will require all users to create a Vispero account.
- After downloading the software from the website, you will be prompted to sign-in or create an account. If you are creating an account, you will be required to confirm your account via email then return to JAWS to complete setup and enter the Startup Wizard.
- This does not apply to previous versions of JAWS. If you are planning on upgrading, you will be required to complete this step.

Account Sign In

Sign In To Your Account

You must sign in with a Vispero account to use JAWS.

JAWS will run for a few more minutes to give you time to complete this step.

 Sign In with Google

or

Email

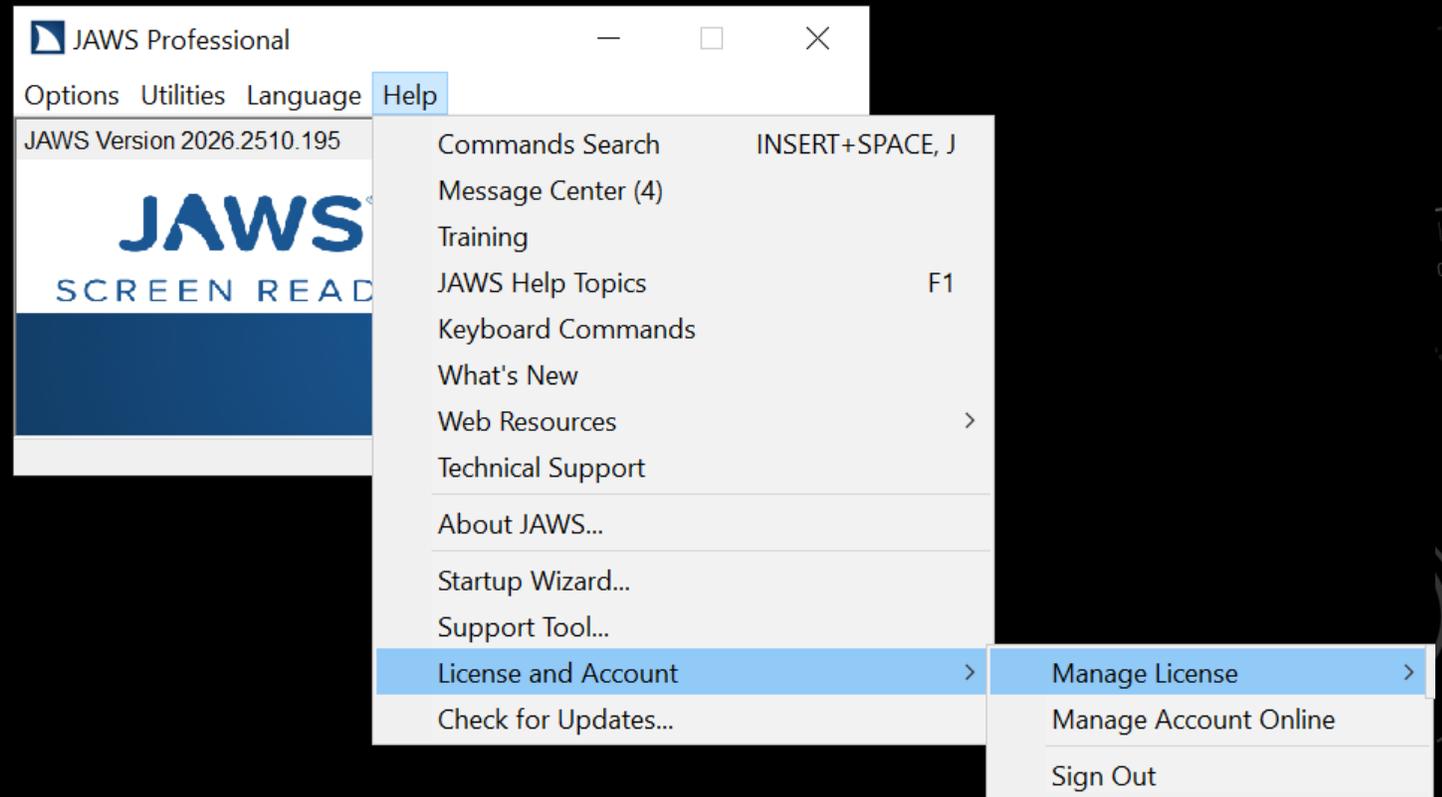
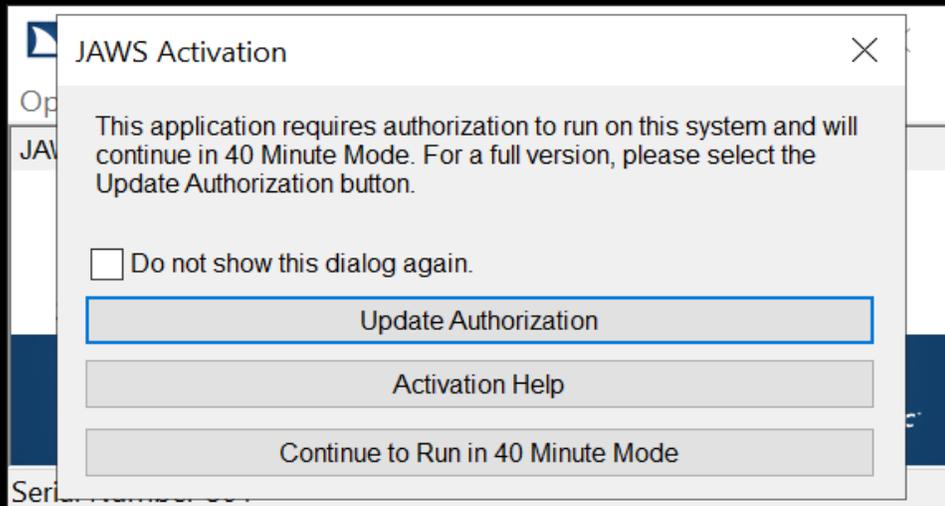
Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

[Sign In With Email](#)

Don't have an account? [Create Account](#)

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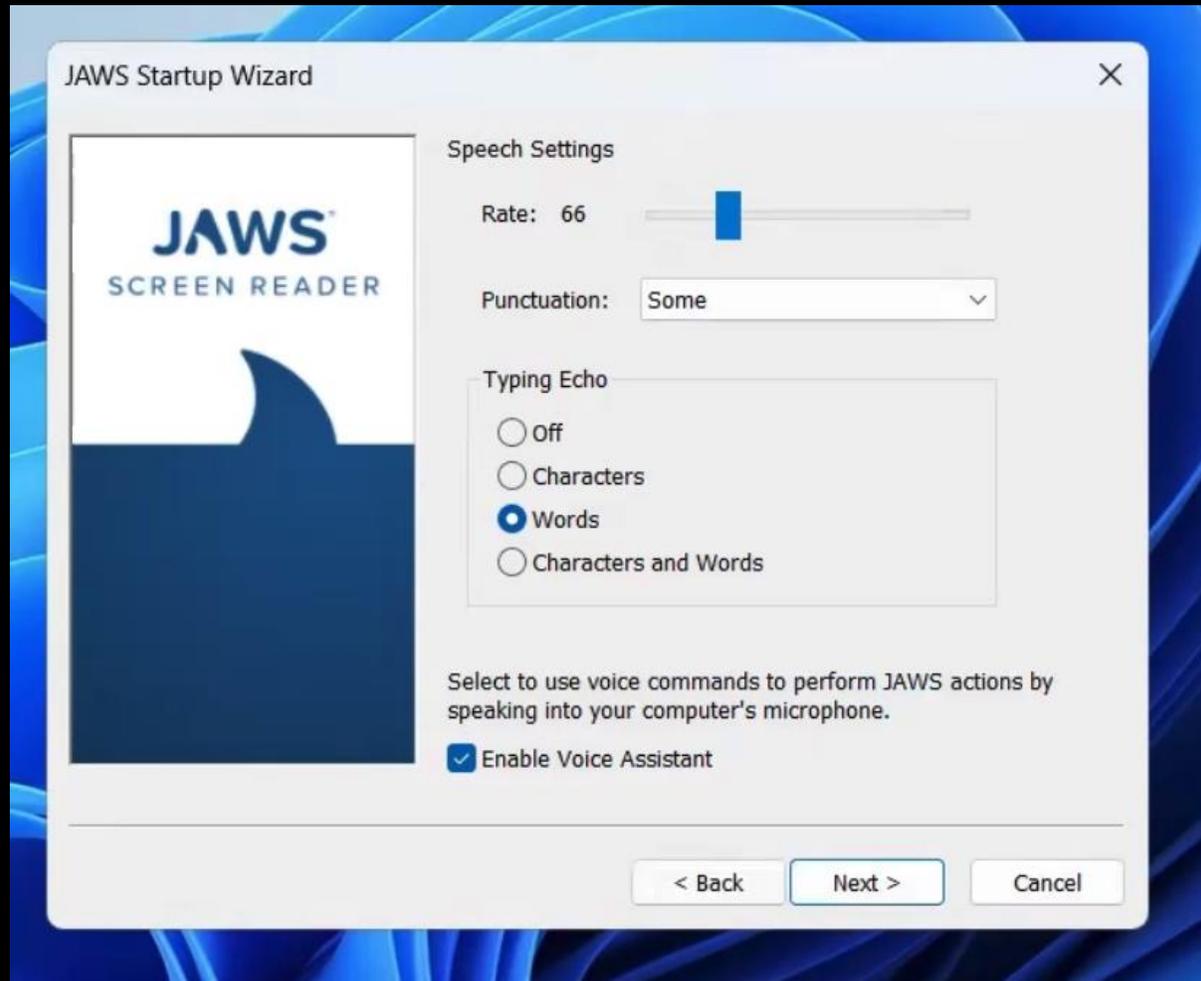


JAWS STARTUP WIZARD

- The Startup Wizard is an essential component for most JAWS users. It applies settings for novice users all the way through expert users.

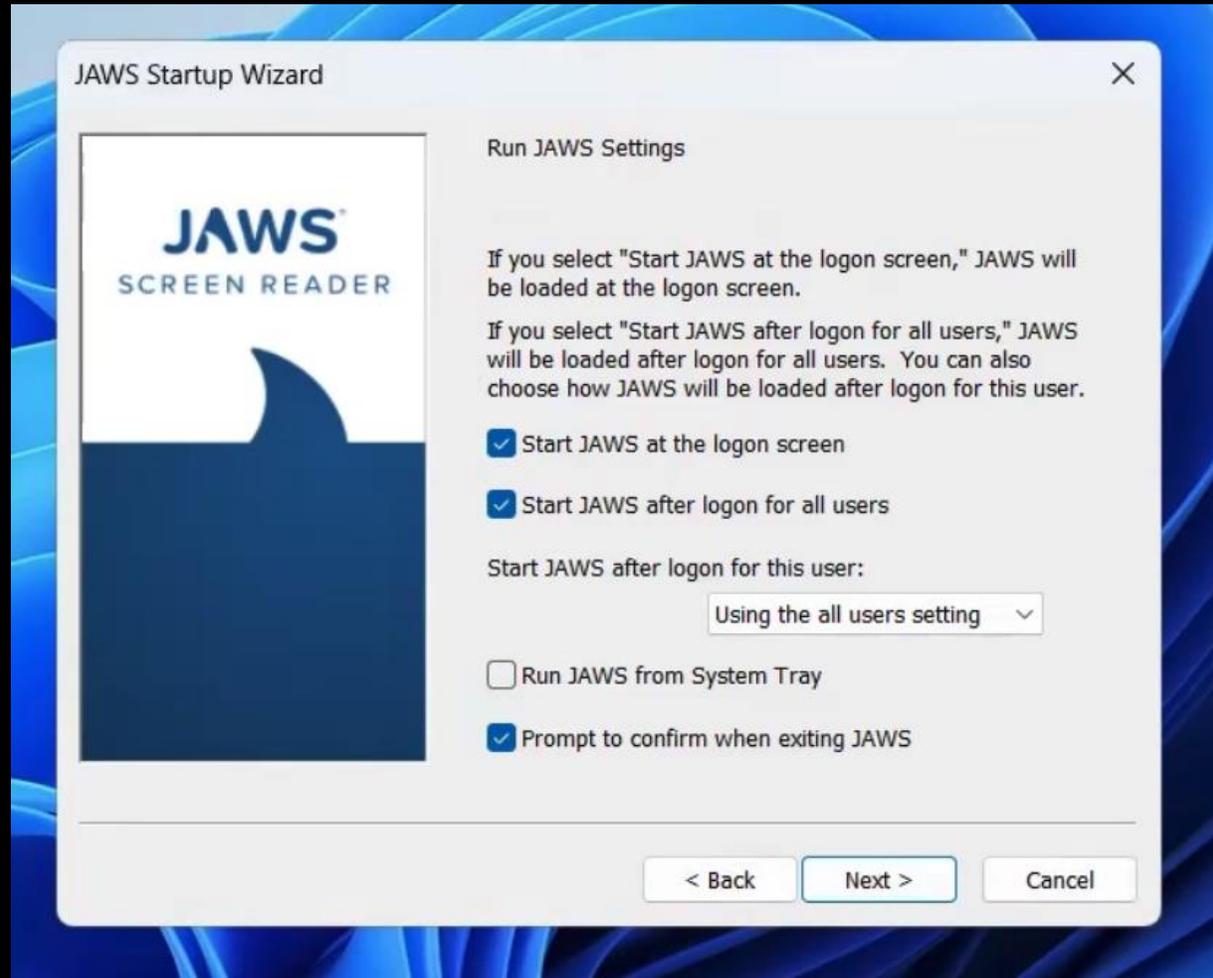


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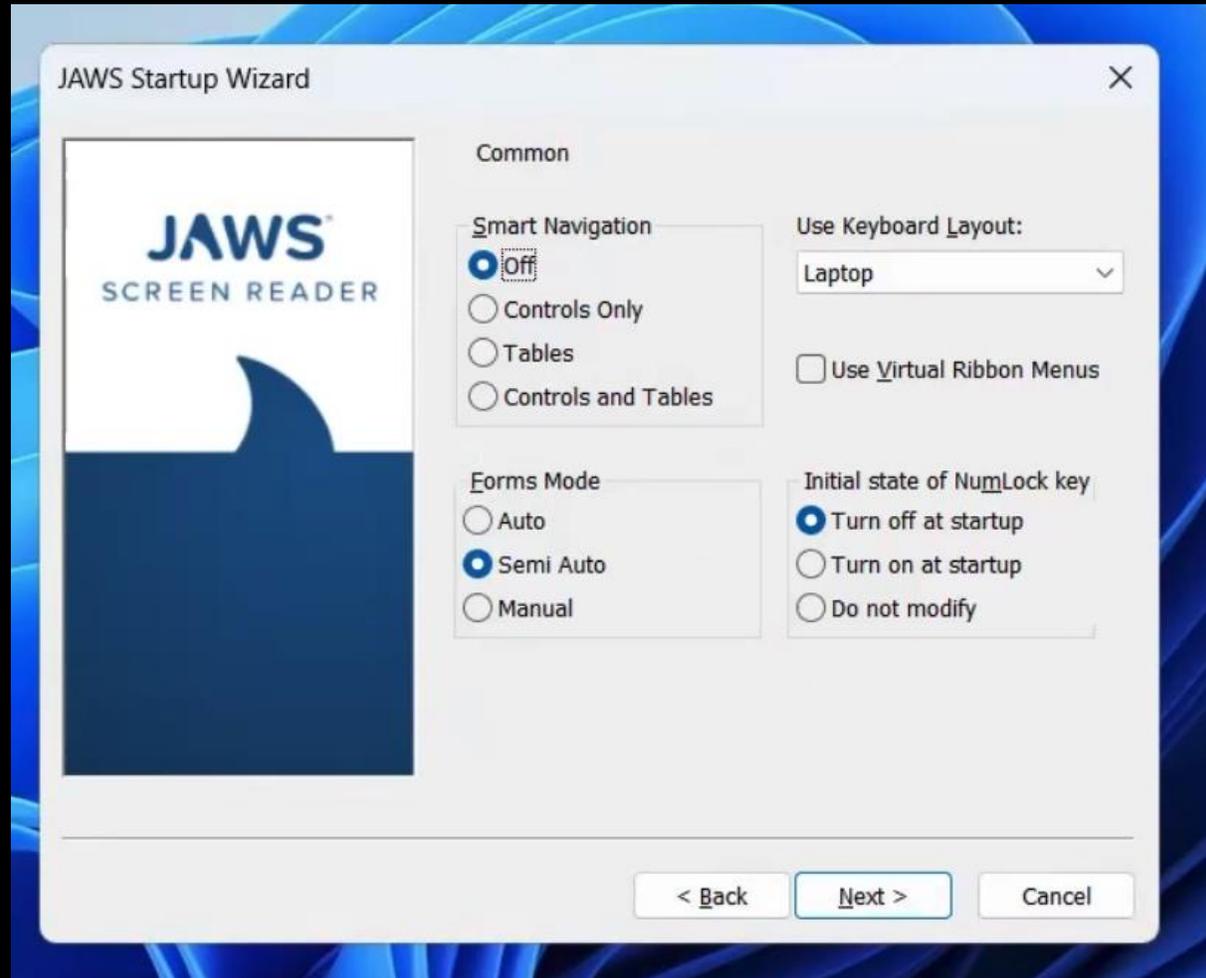


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JAWS Startup Wizard

JAWS
SCREEN READER

Verbosity Settings

Tutor Messages

- Turn off Menu and Control Help
- Announce Menu and Control Help
- Announce Custom Messages Only

Access Key

- Off
- Speak all
- Speak Menus Only
- Speak Dialogs Only

Verbosity Level

- Beginner, Highest
- Intermediate
- Advanced, Lowest

< Back Next > Cancel

STARTUP WIZARD (CONTINUED...)

JAWS Startup Wizard

JAWS
SCREEN READER

Braille Translation Settings

Language
English - United States

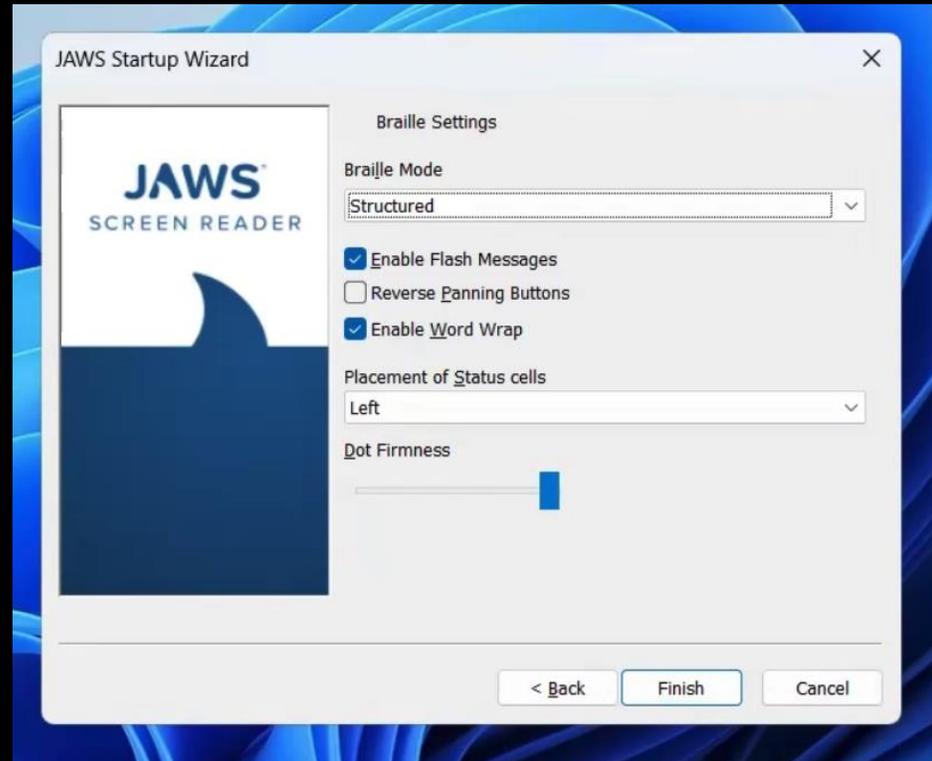
Output
Unified English Braille Grade 2

Input
Unified English Braille Grade 2

Show current word in Computer Braille

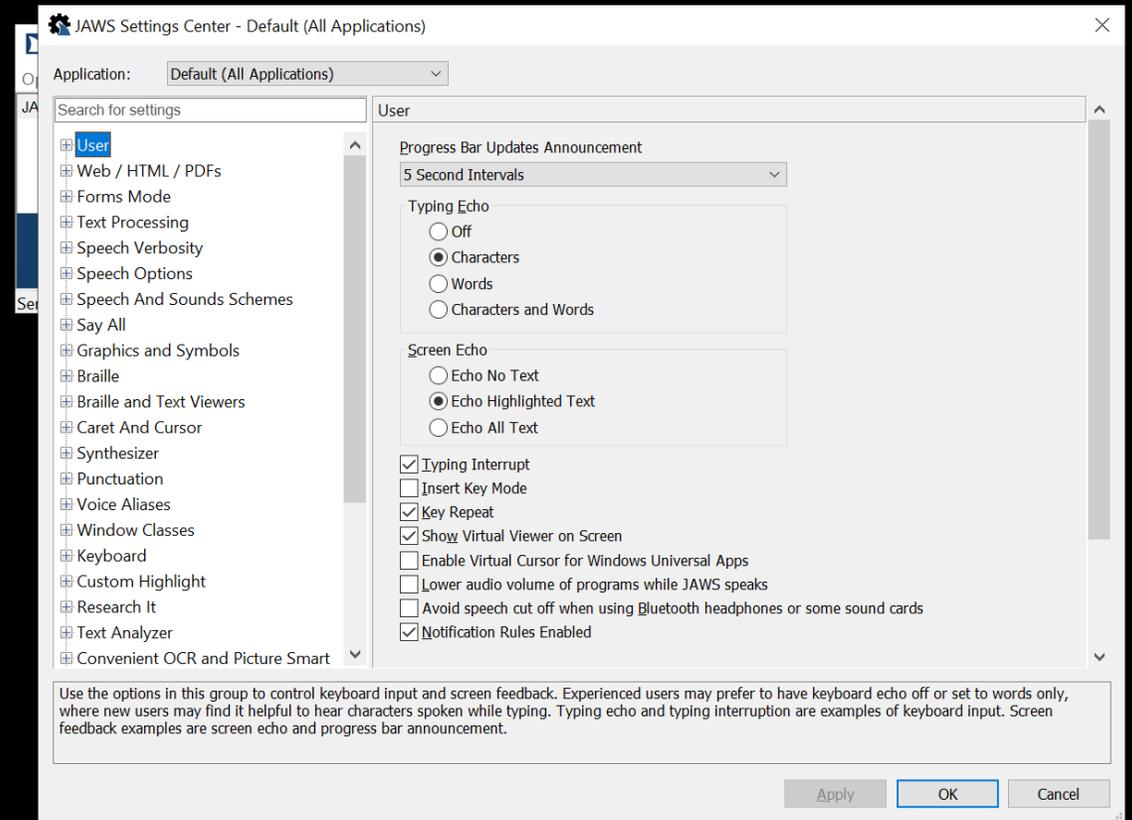
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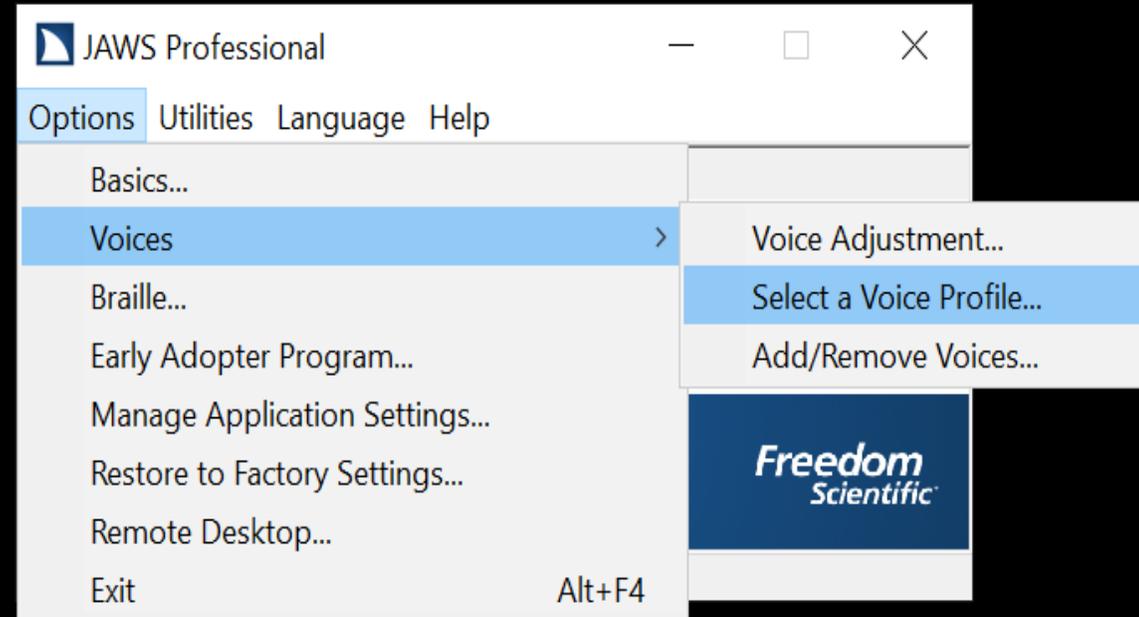
CUSTOMIZATION & OTHER SETTINGS

- JAWS users may want to customize other settings after gaining skills and getting accustomed to the software
- Users can navigate to JAWS Setting Center by pressing Insert J, U, E
 - Alternatively, if the JAWS Window is already in focus, you can press Alt + U then E
- Type Keyword to search for setting or tab then arrow down through categories of settings



CHANGING VOICE/LANGUAGE

- Press Alt + O, V, A to access Add/Remove Voices



CHANGING VOICE/LANGUAGE

Add/Remove Vocalizer Expressive Voices

Select a Language:

Premium Voices:

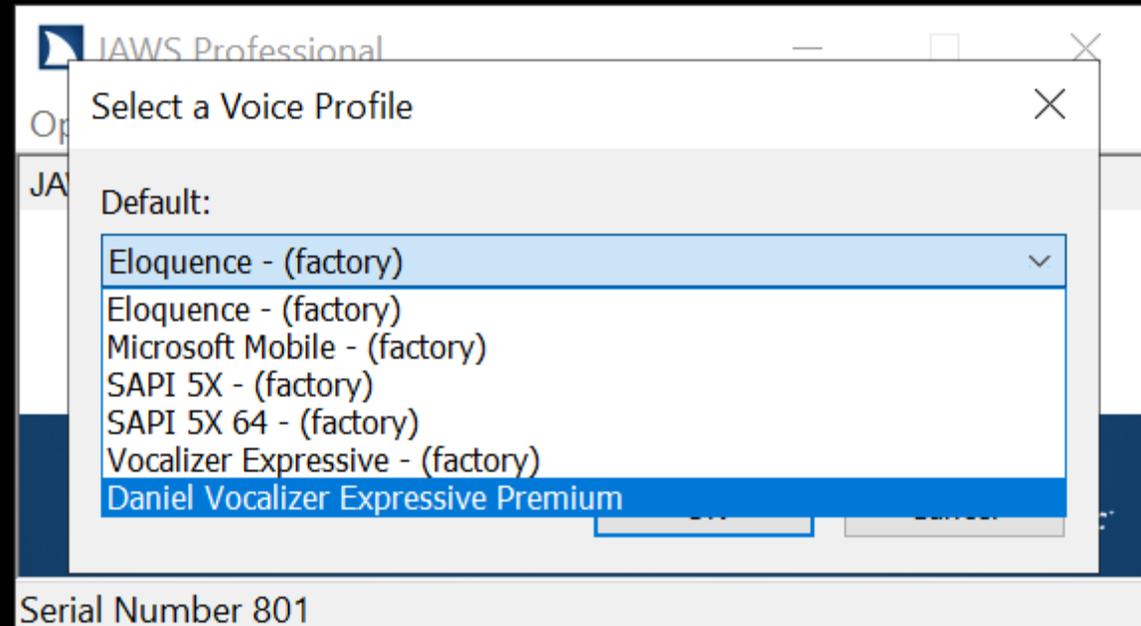
- Allison, English United States
- Ava, English United States
- Daniel, English British
- Evan, English United States
- Fiona, English Scottish
- Karen, English Australian
- Kate, English British

Additional Options:

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CHANGING VOICE/LANGUAGE

- Press Alt + V, S then arrows in the drop-down menu to select the Voice you downloaded
- Tab down to OK, press space to activate



NOTIFICATION SETTINGS

- When setting up a new computer with JAWS, there is an important step to take to ensure JAWS will run on Startup after running future Windows Updates
- Access notification settings by pressing Windows + I
 - Type “Notifications”
 - Tab down to Other Notification Settings
- At any point, users can access notifications by pressing Windows + N (Windows 11)
 - Navigate by tabbing/using arrows

- Show me the Windows welcome experience after updates and occasionally when I sign in to highlight what's new and suggested
- Suggest ways I can finish setting up my device to get the most out of Windows
- Get tips, tricks, and suggestions as you use Windows



THANK YOU!

