GETTING STARTED WITH JAWS

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GETTING TO KNOW THE PRESENTER:

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- 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)

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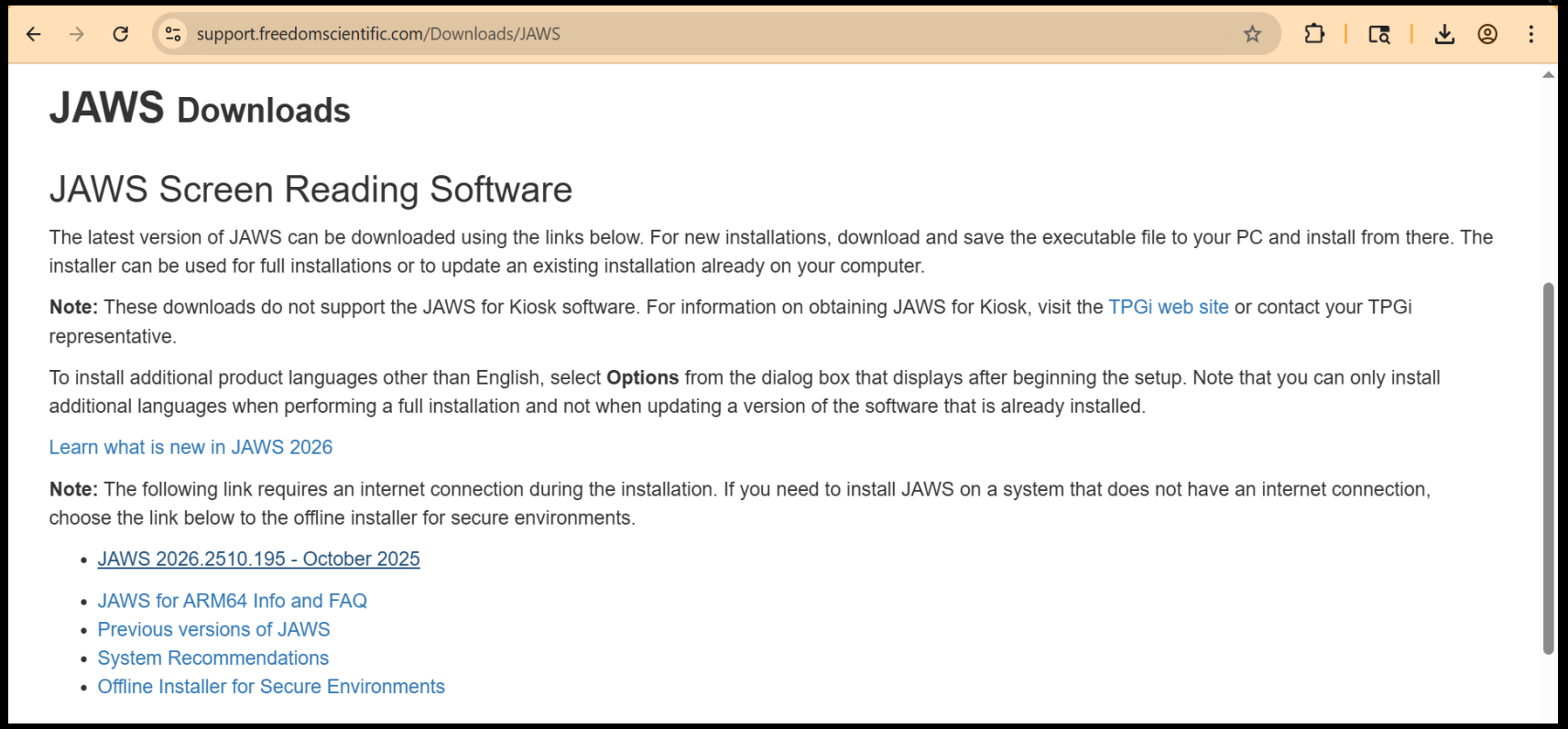
INSTALLING JAWS ON PC COMPUTER

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



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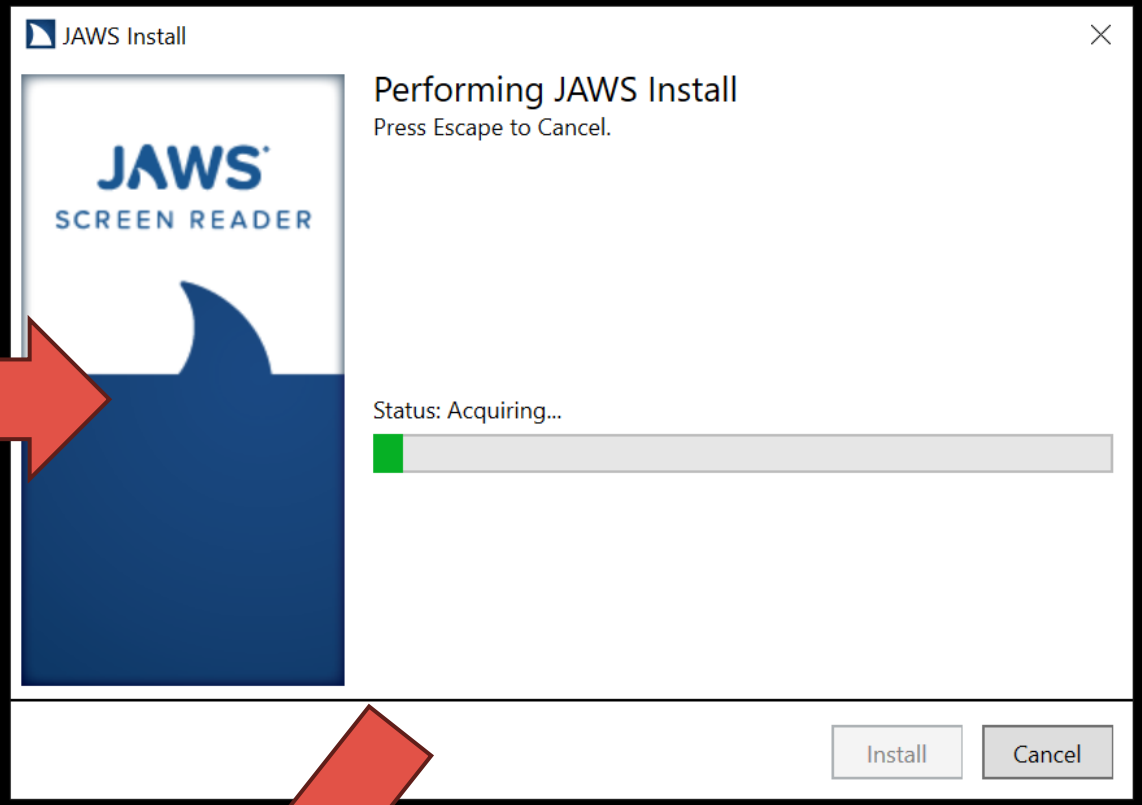

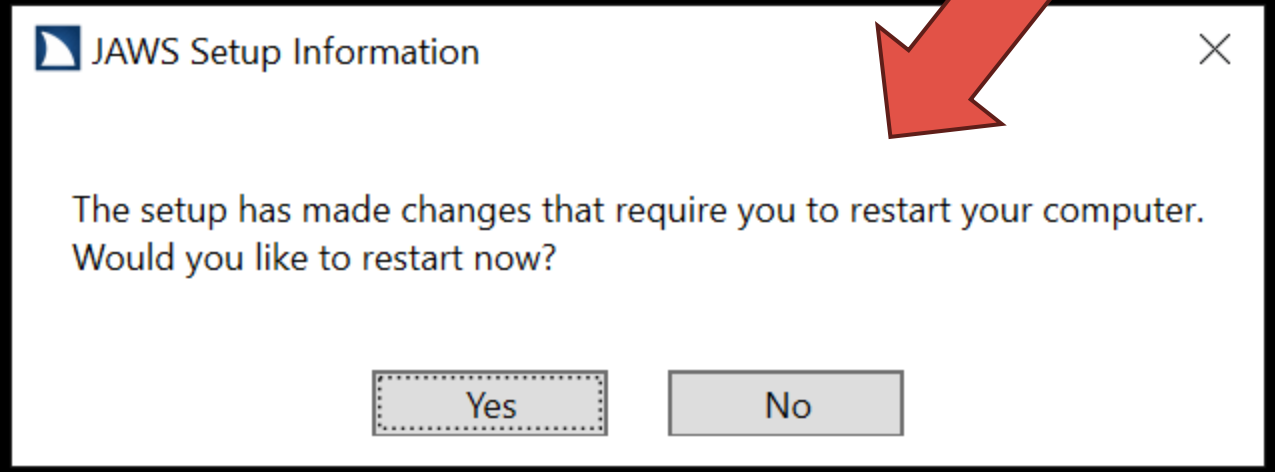

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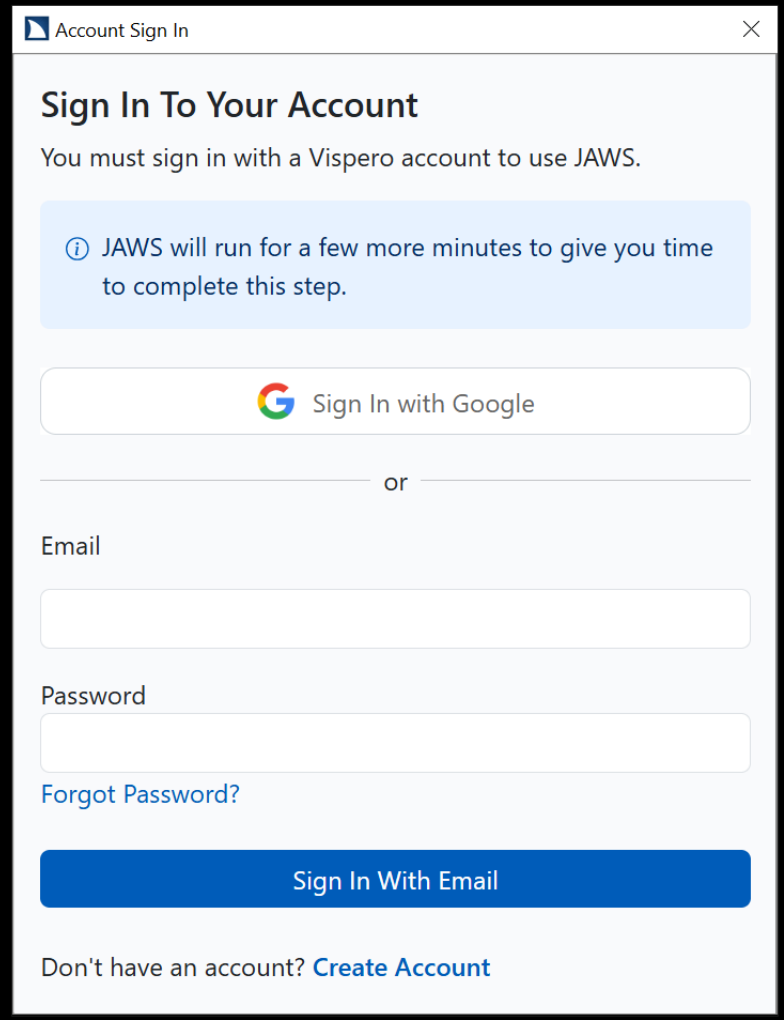
CREATING A VISPERO ACCOUNT (JAWS 2026 AND BEYOND)

- 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.



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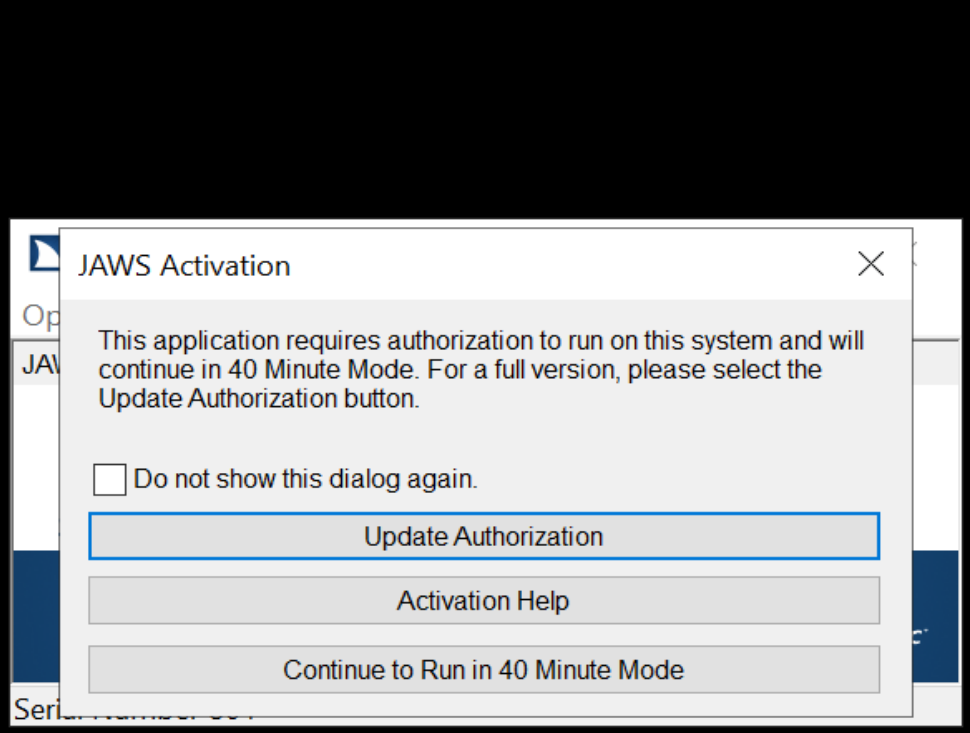

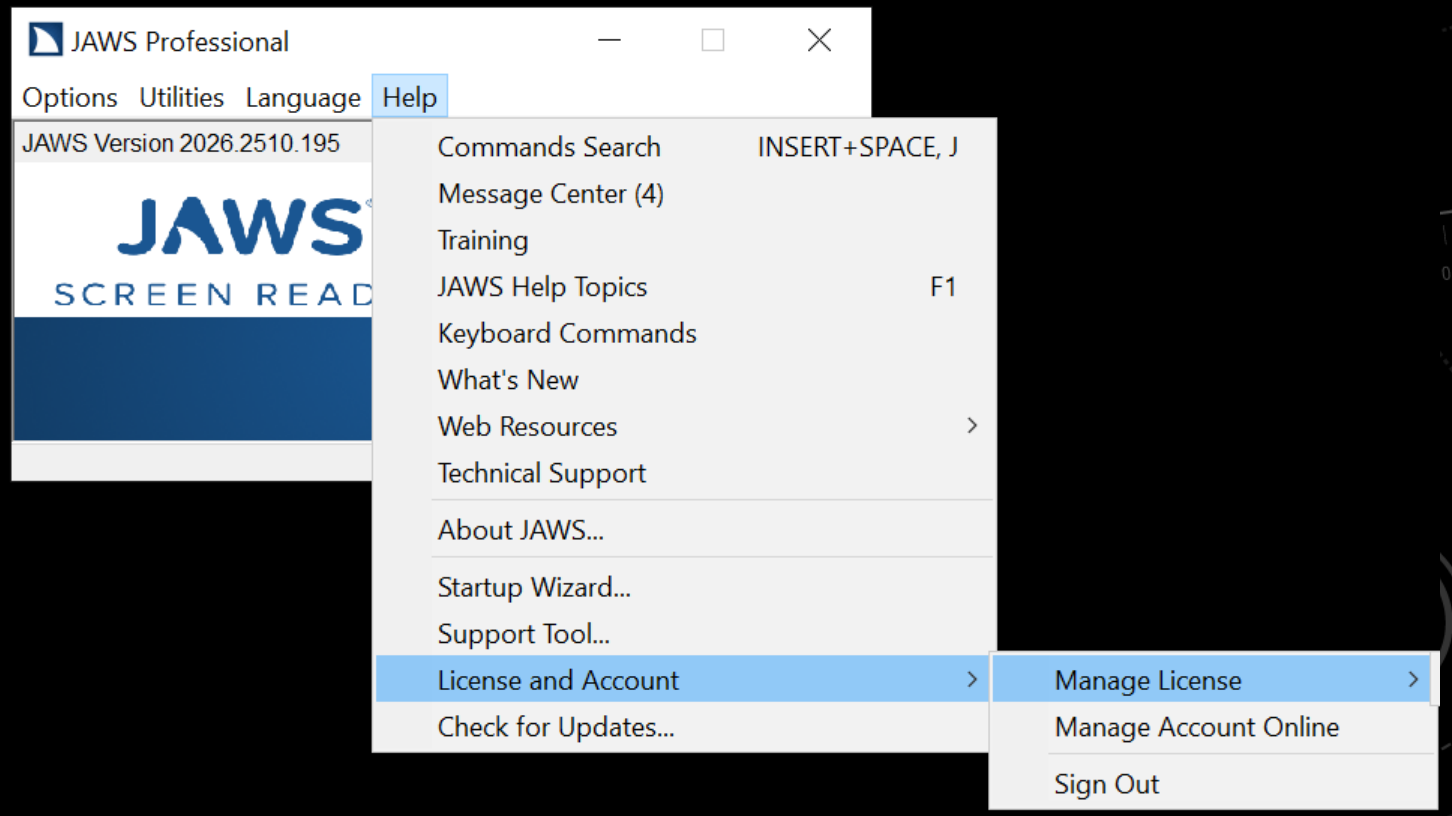

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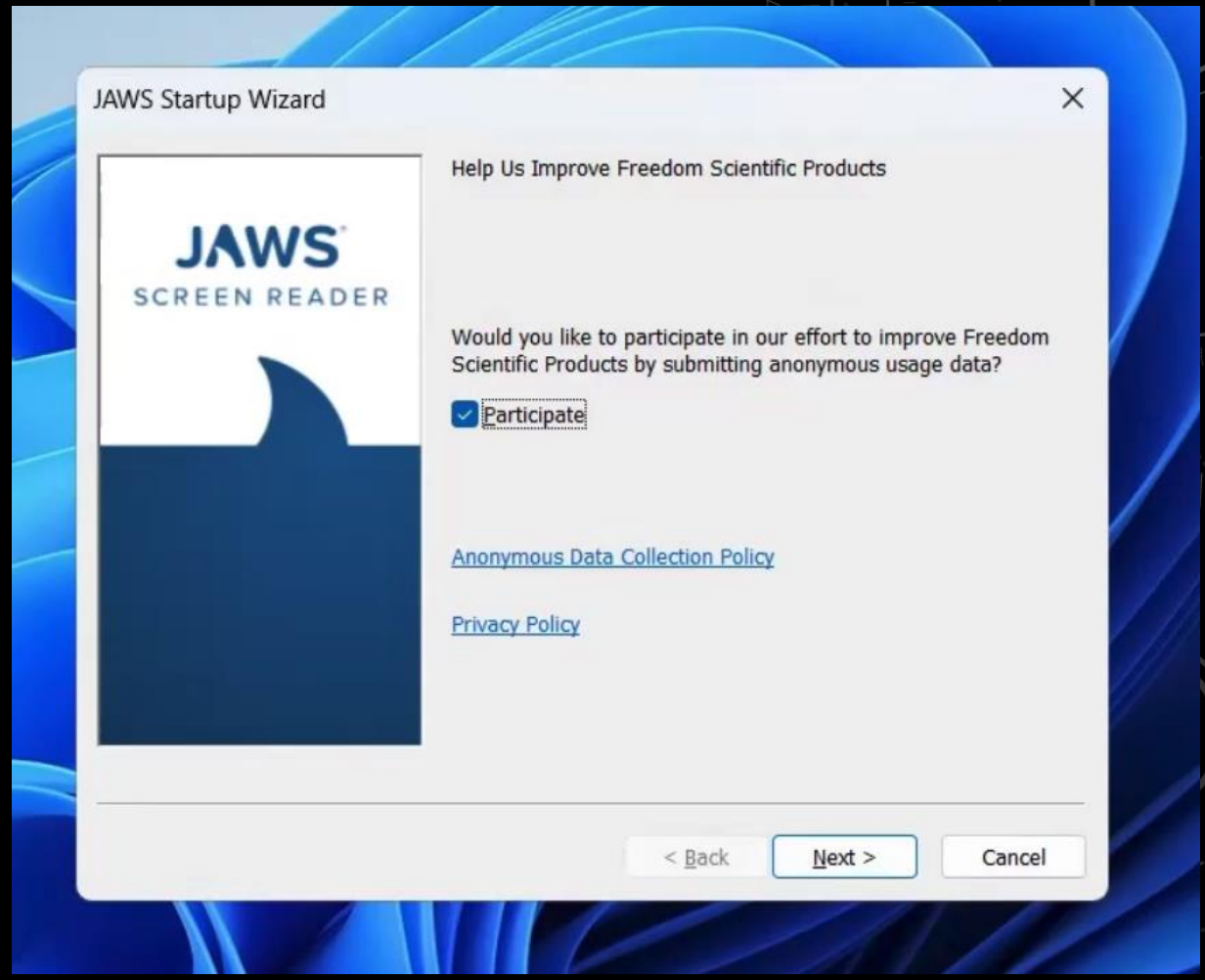
JAWS STARTUP WIZARD

- 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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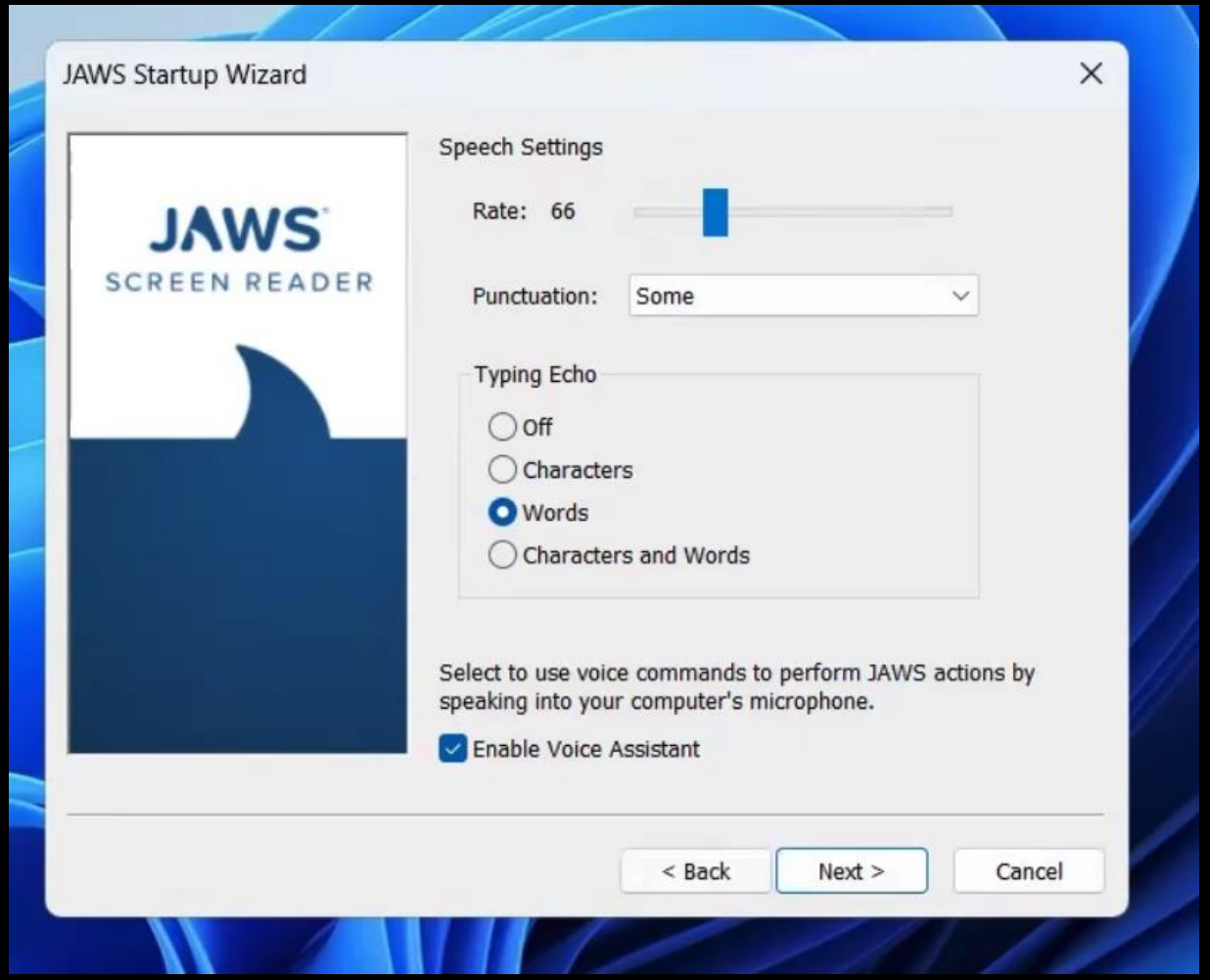

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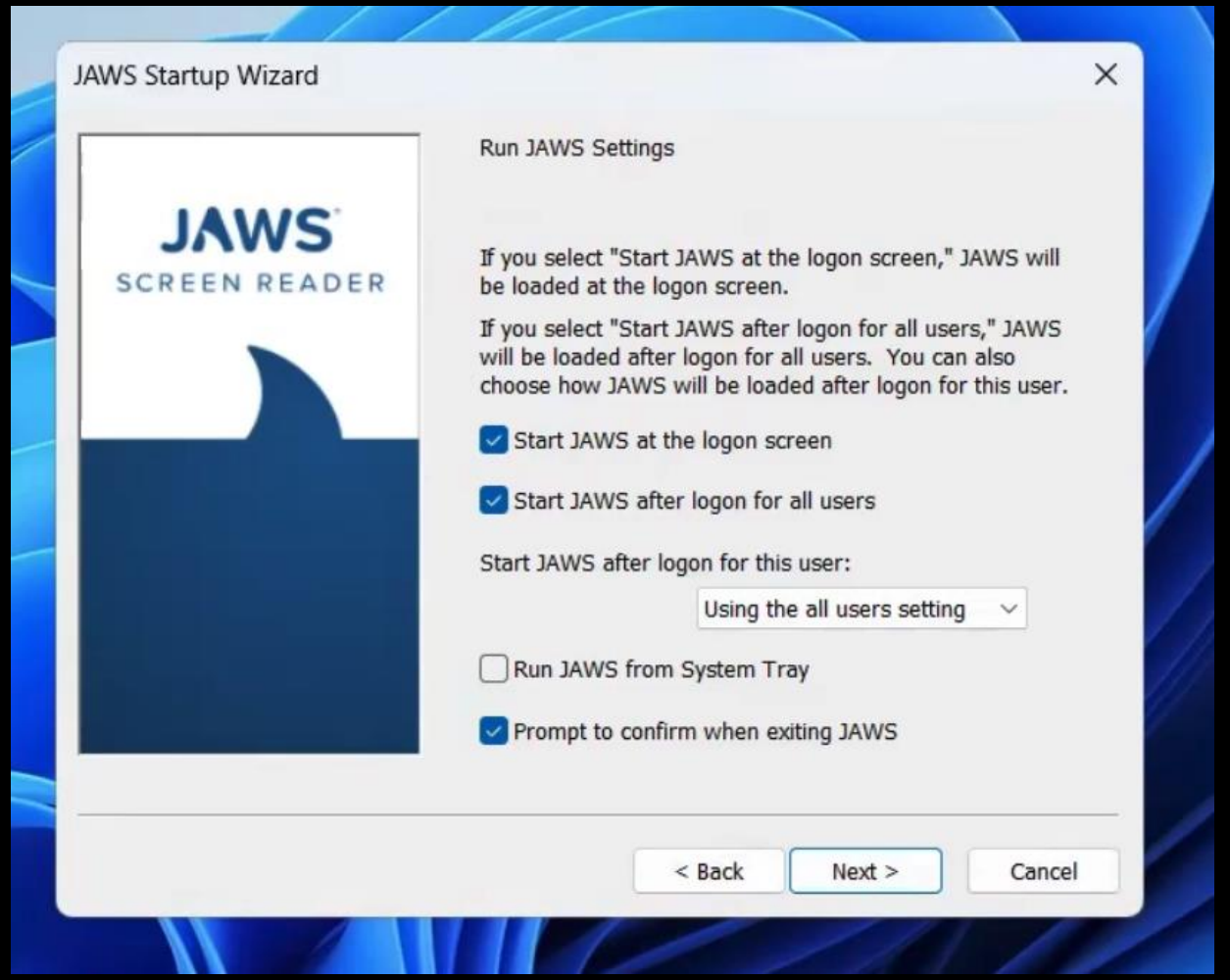

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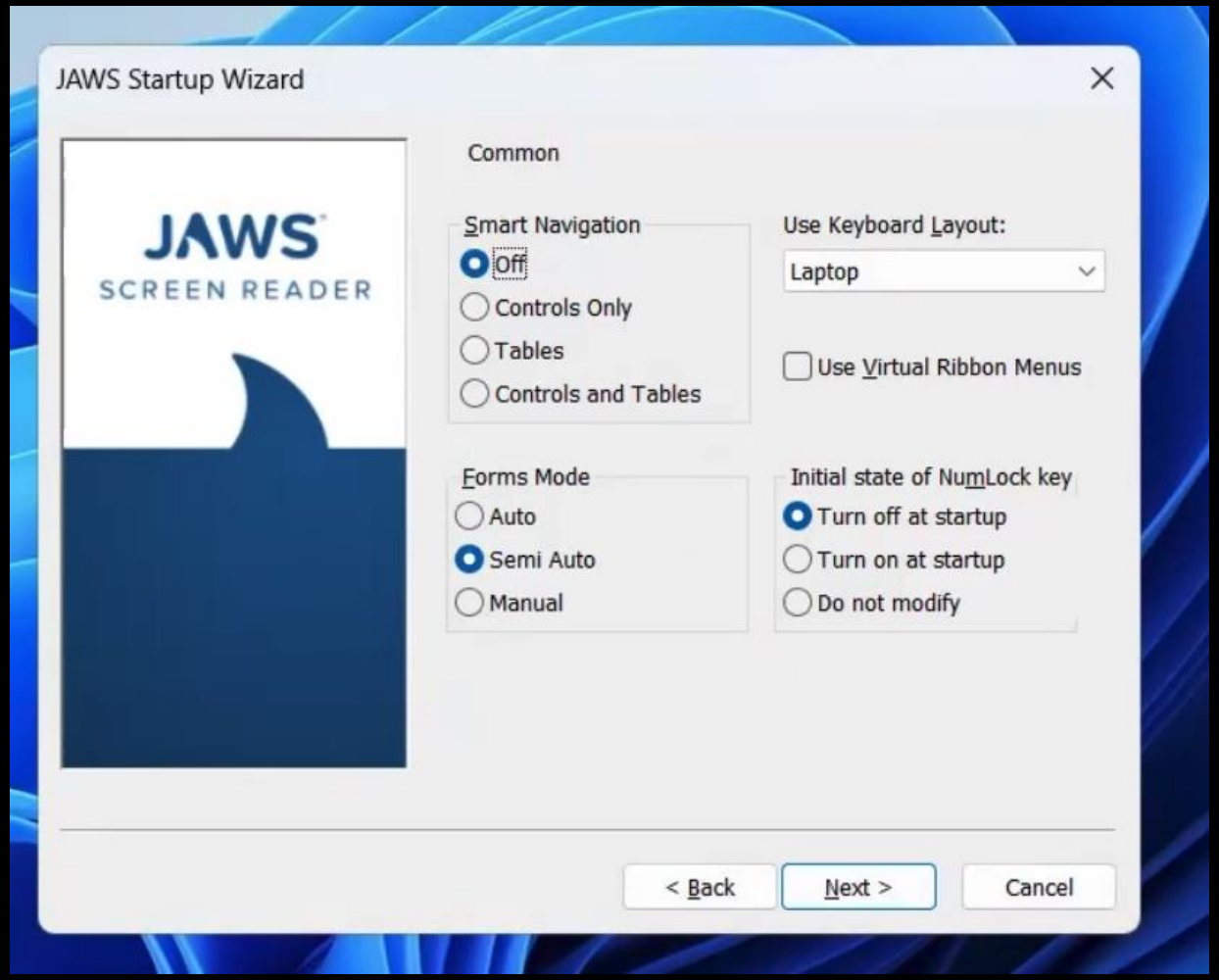

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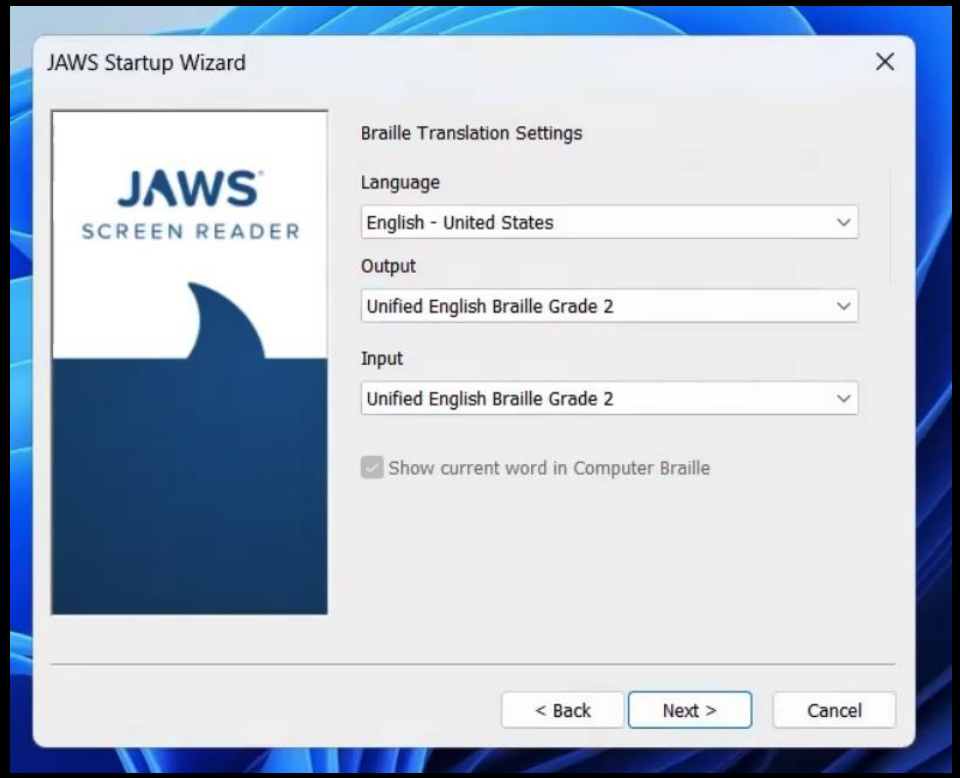

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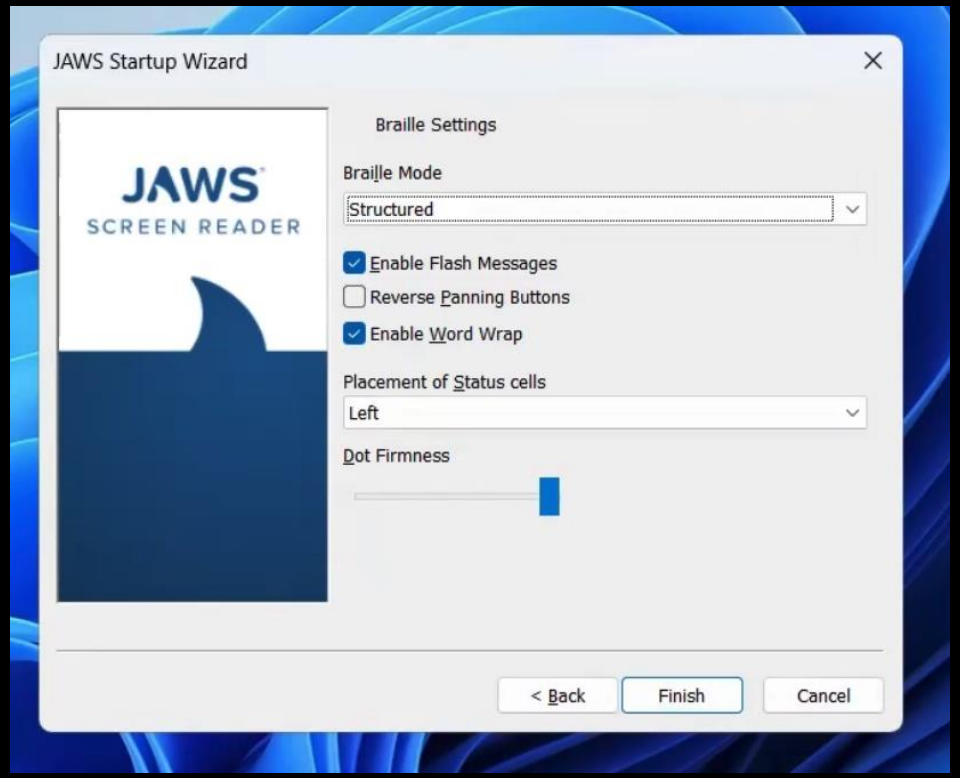

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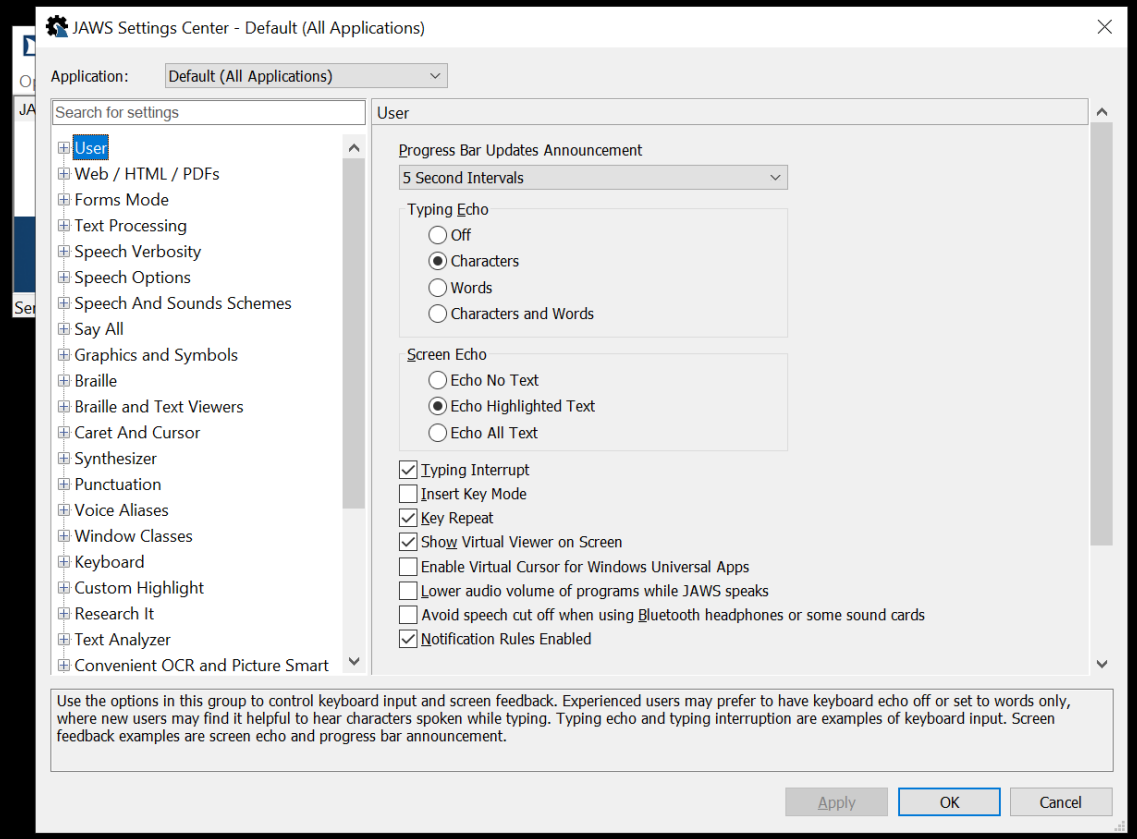
CUSTOMIZATION & OTHER SETTINGS

- 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



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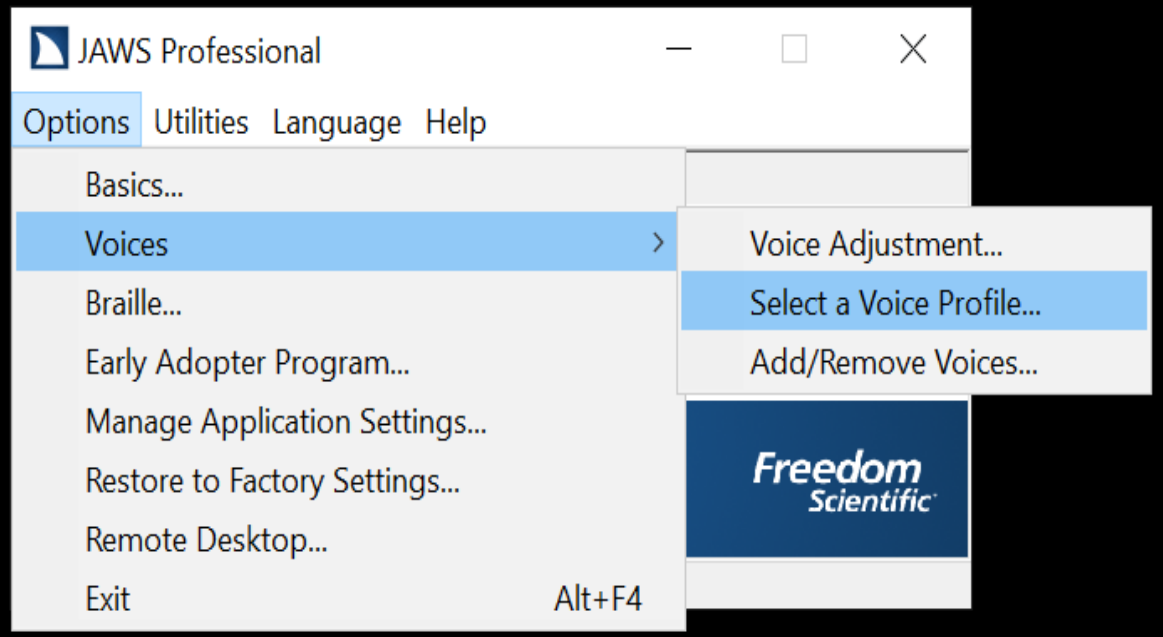
CHANGING VOICE/LANGUAGE

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



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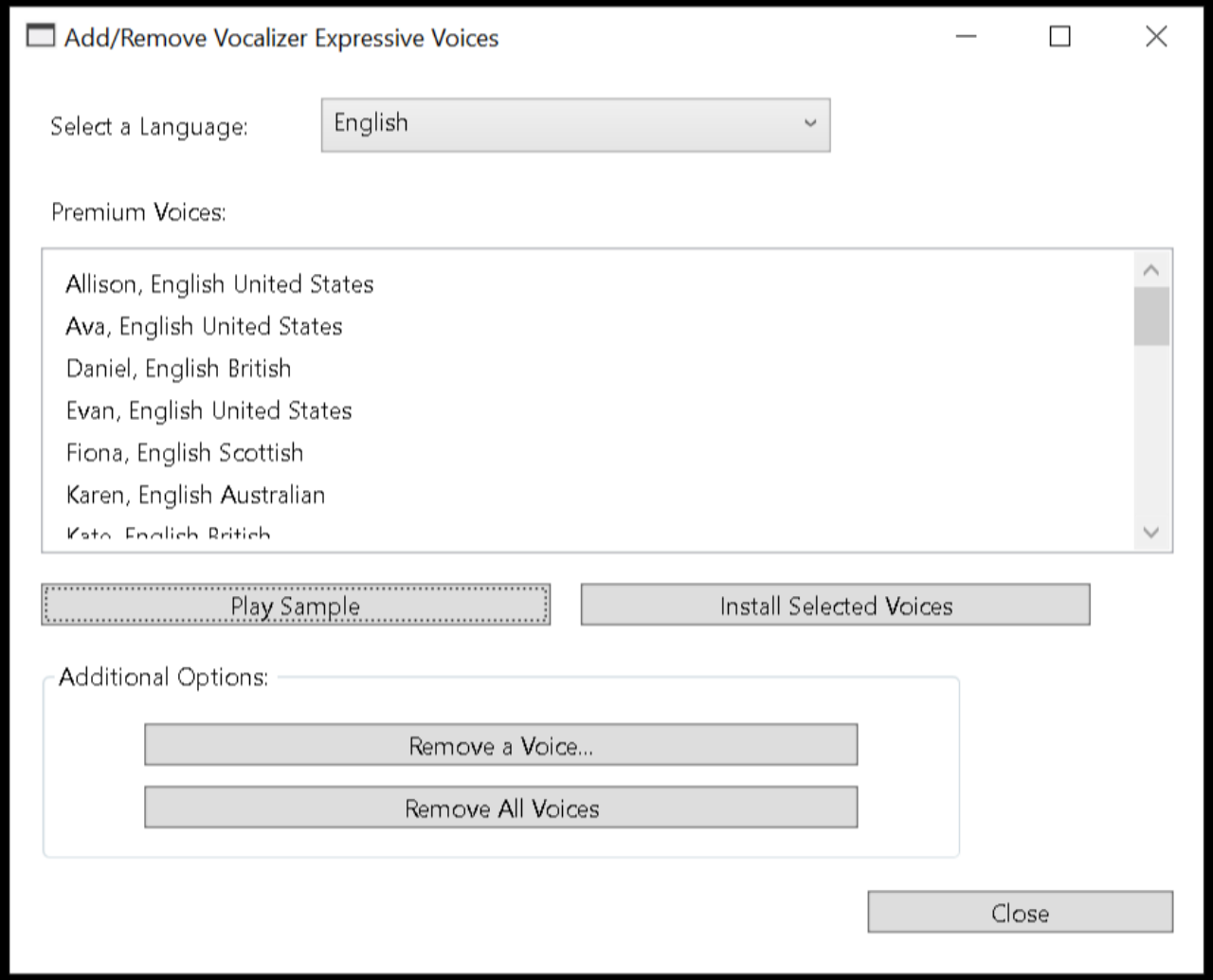

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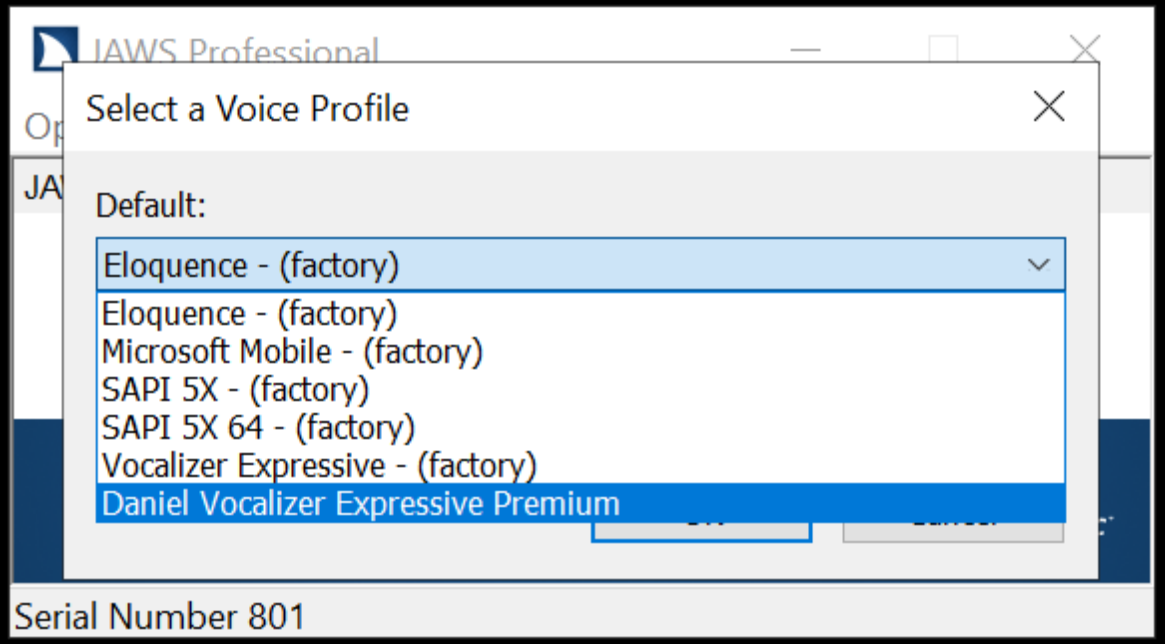
- Press Alt + V, S then arrows in the drop-down menu to select the Voice you downloaded
- Tab down to OK, press space to activate



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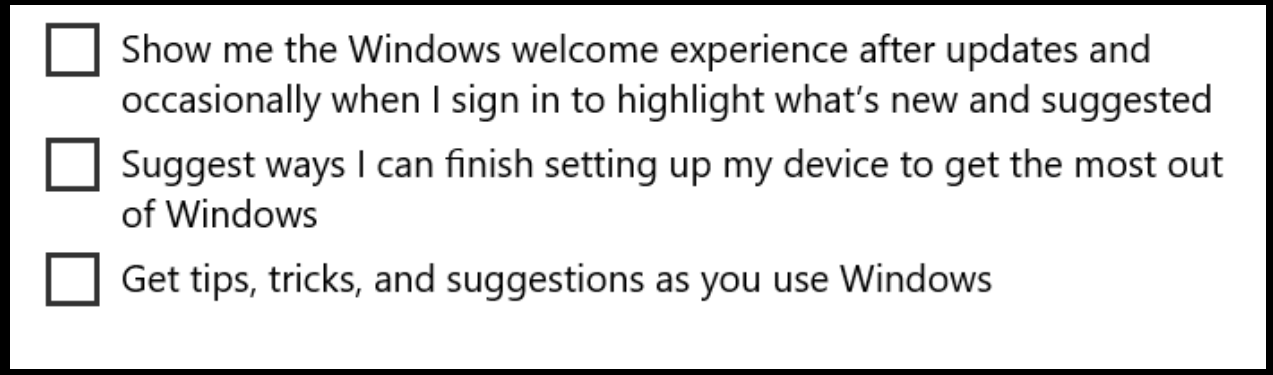
NOTIFICATION SETTINGS

- 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



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