

NVDA

NVDA or NonVisual Desktop Access is a **free open source screen reader** for windows computers.

It reads screens in a synthetic voice much like Read & Write but has been designed **and made by blind and visually impaired people** for the blind and visually impaired. It is also compatible with Braille displays.

For further information about this software, please visit the website: <http://www.nvaccess.org/>

Here are a **few tips and tricks** for the use of NVDA:

- NVDA can be installed and run from a flash drive (it is around 50 megabytes in size!). So it can be used on virtually **any PC** without the need to install it directly onto the hard drive.
- NVDA supports all popular applications including web browsers, e-mails, social media and office suites such as Microsoft Word and Excel.
- It can report **spelling errors**, textual information such as font size, style and colours.
- It can read **alternative information**, for example, alt text on pictures when provided.

- It has automatic announcement of text beneath the mouse pointer and there is an option to turn on mouse location descriptions.

You can download NVDA here:

<http://www.nvaccess.org/download/> . It is **free to use**, however you can offer to donate towards its development should you so wish.

