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## NVDA Commands

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NVDA (NonVisual Desktop Access) is a popular open-source screen reading program for Windows, used by increasing numbers of students all over the world. (Currently it works in 43 languages.)

In contrast to JAWS ~\$1000 price tag, NVDA is completely free, which means it can be used by even the poorest students. This also means that you can use it easily for your own testing (again, unlike JAWS, which requires you to restart your computer after using the trial version for 30 minutes).

You can download it from [www.nvaccess.org](http://www.nvaccess.org).

There's a good user guide within NVDA, and a basic training eBook <https://www.nvaccess.org/product/basic-training-for-nvda-ebook/>

Like all screen readers, NVDA both reads text and moves the focus from one area of the screen to another. Here are basic commands for doing both. The INS key is the usual modifier key for NVDA commands; you can reprogram keys and individual commands.

Start NVDA	Ctrl-Alt-N
Stop NVDA	INS-Q
INS-1	Help mode
INS-n	Menu (includes User Guide)
Ctrl	Stops reading page
Windows key	Opens Start menu
INS-t	Reads title of page
ALT-tab	Switches between programs
Ctrl-HOME	Top of page
TAB	Forward one field
Shift-TAB	Backward one field
Up and down arrows	Move among choices in a field
Enter	Select a selectable choice