Accessibility tools in Windows 10, Microsoft Edge Chromium, Office 365, Moodle and e-books

Windows 10

Like most operating systems, Windows 10 has an built-in accessibility tool called "Ease of Access". Just type "ease of access" in the Settings Search box on the bottom of your desktop and you will get a list of numerous Windows features that you can personalise (e.g. high contrast, magnifying, text to speech, cursor size and much more).



Video Tutorial on the use of Ease of Access in Windows 10

Microsoft Edge Chromium

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Video tutorial on the use of accessibility tools in MS Edge Chromium

Office 365

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If you save any of your work on your OneDrive as a Word online document (note that also works on the 2016 desktop Word version), for instance, you can apply all sorts of accessibility tools on it such as enlarged text size, text to speech, translation etc. The accessibility tool in Office 365 is called Immersive reader. This is how it works:

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When you applied Immersive Reader on a document you will get a different layout where you can apply all sorts of accessibility tools to the doc. Such as, text to speech, overlay colours, translation etc.

Text to speech

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Immersive reader can also be applied on Microsoft OneNote documents.

For more information about Immersive Reader functionalities please click the links below (online resources).

Video tutorial: Immersive Reader in Microsoft Word desktop and online version

Video tutorial: <u>Immersive reader in Microsoft Teams</u>

Video tutorial: <u>Immersive Reader in Microsoft OneNote</u>

Moodle

Moodle also has accessibility features. Note that these features can only be applied when navigating the actual platform and not available on documents downloaded from Moodle. Downloaded Word documents can be uploaded onto OneDrive to access such features (covered above).

To use accessibility tools in Moodle, first you need to create an accessibility block on your site. Once the block is created you can instantly change Moodle background and text size directly from the block 1. OR you can launch more features (e.g txt to speech) by clicking on the LAUCH ATBAR in the block 2. 1.



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VLeBooks

VLeBooks is the College's ebook platform which can be accessed via the <u>LRC's</u> <u>Moodle site</u>.



Once on the platform, find the ebook you would like to apply accessibility tools and you can find these features on the top bar. Features include various overlay colours and Read aloud option.



Any other questions related to accessibility, please contact the LRC.