

Portable screen-reader, free of charge

NVDA is a free, fully functional, portable screen reader for Microsoft Windows that allows blind and vision-impaired persons across the world access to computers at no greater cost than their sighted peers.

«NVDA is open source software, which means the code is accessible to anyone. This enables translators and developers around the world to continually contribute to its expansion and improvement.»
(Michael CURRAN)

NVDA (Non Visual Desktop Access)

Organisation:	NV Access Limited
Country/region of origin:	Australia
Beneficiaries targeted:	Blind and visually impaired persons
Approach/model/solution:	Portable screen reader for Microsoft Windows

FACTS & FIGURES

- More than 60,000 downloads in over 150 countries
- Second most popular computer screen reader in the world
- Only screen reader for Microsoft Windows that is free and portable
- Outstanding Achievement Award, Taiwan Digital Talking Books Association (2012)
- Access Award, American Foundation for the Blind (2012)

PROBLEMS TARGETED

Commercial screen readers are expensive, costing up to thousands of dollars. This is prohibitive for many people, particularly in developing countries.

PROJECT

In contrast, NVDA is the only fully functional, multi-lingual, free download available to everyone. Thanks to NVDA, blind and vision-impaired people can participate in education, the workforce and aspects of daily living that were previously impossible or difficult to access such as reading, shopping, banking and social networking. Using NVDA, they can do so regardless of their financial situation, language or location.

CURRENT SITUATION & OUTLOOK

NVDA software enables blind and vision-impaired people to use a computer by communicating what is on the screen using a synthetic voice or braille. It was created by NV Access founders Michael Curran and James Teh – blind computer programmers who believe passionately in universal access to computers. NVDA is developed, tested and documented by users for users. It has received support from noteworthy international companies such as Mozilla, Adobe, Microsoft and Yahoo and has been recognised by the World Blind Union.

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EXPERT VOTING



Top marks from:

- All voters
- NGO voters

Top marks for:

- Access to ICT
- Targeting all persons with disabilities

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