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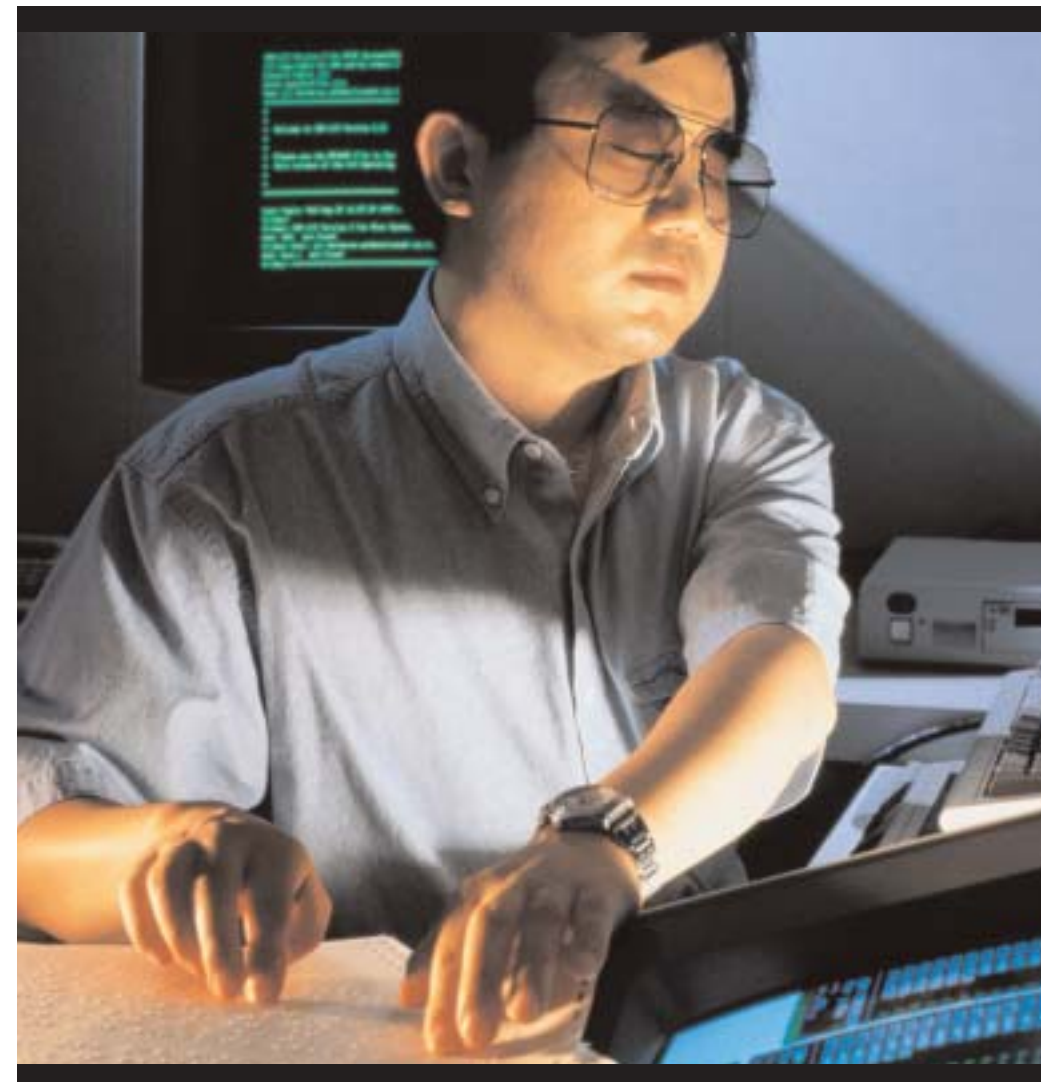
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## Access your world.



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*A powerful Web access tool for blind and low vision users*

# IBM Home Page Reader. The Voice of the World Wide Web. Version for Windows.



Home Page Reader brings the world of the Internet to blind and low vision users. This innovative product uses the power of voice to guide users in exploring the marvels of the World Wide Web.

## Making Reading Easier for Low Vision Users

Home Page Reader gives people with low vision the ability to resize windows and panes to make the screen easier to see. Users can change the font size, type, color, and background color. In addition, the voice of Home Page Reader is synchronized with a moving cursor to make reading even easier.

## Exciting New Benefits

- Quick setup with voice-prompted installation.
- Improved electronic mail feature.
- Access to multimedia aspects of the Web.
- Self-voiced Internet access.
- Available in nine languages.
- Handles JavaScript.
- Supports selected plug-ins.

## Additional Features

- Access information – rapidly and independently.
- Increase productivity with rapid reading speed and valuable shortcuts.
- Enhance usability with helpful auditory distinctions and fast forward mode.

## Unprecedented Web Access

Home Page Reader uses the IBM ViaVoice text-to-speech synthesizer to speak Web-based information aloud just as it is presented on the computer screen. With Home Page Reader, users hear everything from descriptions of graphics to text in column format. Home Page Reader even includes special table navigation features that help users understand complex tables and data input fields.

## New Options

Users now have a choice of using the keyboard or a numeric keypad in a Microsoft Windows® environment, in addition to the mouse. Also, Home Page Reader has a new menu system that includes easy-to-remember shortcut keys, many of which mirror Windows keys.

## Comprehensive Information Access

Home Page Reader reads the full range of Web page data in a logical, clear and understandable manner. It reads tables, forms, and frames and allows users to search for specific text on a Web page as well as on the entire Web. It also speaks link information or ALT text for objects like images and image maps. In addition, Home Page Reader reads HTML 4.0 information provided by Web page authors, providing information such as table summaries and captions.

## Customizable Interface

With Home Page Reader, low vision users can quickly change the font size, type, and colors to customize the information to their visual needs. It allows them to design style sheets that define how everything from headings to backgrounds look, creating a truly personalized view of the Web.

Home Page Reader is set up with a male voice reading text and a female voice reading links. Users can customize these audio cues by choosing the gender and age of the voice on the system. Different sounds can also be used to give additional audio cues, or users can choose to turn off the sound completely.

## Simple Electronic Mail

Home Page Reader includes an integrated electronic mail feature, Home Page Mailer, that provides blind and low vision users access to email. Home Page Mailer set-up is simple; accessing mail is as easy as opening the Go menu and choosing *Mailer*.

## Convenient Online Help

Home Page Reader provides many types of online help. Users can learn from a hands-on tutorial, access the help manual, get quick information about key sequences, or hear a description of the current location. In addition, the “Where Am I?” and page summary functions indicate what appears on the current Web page, as well as the cursor location.

## Quick Access to Information

Home Page Reader includes the *History* list, *Back* and *Forward* functions, and the *Favorites* list to help users access information quickly. The *History* list keeps track of all pages visited in a session and lists them as links; users can go back to a Web page with just a couple of keystrokes or the click of a mouse. The *Back* and *Forward* functions take users quickly to the previous or next Web page. The *Favorites* list is a place to specify Web pages users want to return to often. Home Page Reader even comes with a starter set of *Favorites* so users can get acclimated to common sites of interest easily and quickly.

Home Page Reader's fast forward key enables users to skim Web pages quickly and easily. In addition, new commands provide for easy movement from heading to heading or table to table within a document. The new *Links Reading Mode* also allows users to switch from link to link.

## A Valuable Testing Solution

Testing Web sites for accessibility is now easier than ever. Home Page Reader gives Web developers and designers the tools to test the accessibility and usability of Web sites. Its synchronized highlighting

with voice function makes it an ideal testing solution. This feature enables designers to test a site's graphic view with its audio presentation and text view. It's a valuable way to see and hear what blind and low vision users will experience when visiting a site.

## Systems Information

Home Page Reader is available for users of Microsoft Windows 98®, Millennium, Windows 2000®, or XP. Featuring simple voice-prompted installation through a standard InstallShield program setup, the product can be used by itself or in conjunction with other applications such as screen readers.

## Hardware Requirements

- Processor equivalent to Intel Pentium7 233 MHz and 256K L2 cache or equivalent, including AMD-K6 233 MHz with 256K L2 cache
- 48 MB RAM for Microsoft Windows 98 7 & Millennium, 64 MB RAM for Windows 2000 7 and XP
- 40MB hard disk space available (Note: An additional 45 MB is required if installing Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher.)
- SVGA graphics card (640 x 480, 256 colors)
- Hard Disk Space: 80 MB of available hard disk space for Home Page Reader. For Internet Explorer 5.0, the minimal installation (browser only) requires 45 MB for installation and 27 MB to run after restart
- 28.8 KBPS or higher Windows7-compatible modem

- Windows7-compatible 16-bit sound card (Note: Sound/Modem combinations are not supported.)
- Windows7-compatible quad-speed CD-ROM drive

## Software Requirements

- Microsoft Windows 98®, Millennium, Windows 2000®, or Windows XP
- Internet Service Provider Connection
- Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher

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