

MAGic[®]

Screen Magnification Software with Speech

Quick Start Guide

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Welcome to MAGic

MAGic is a software solution ideally suited for computer users with low vision, or anyone who spends extended periods of time in front of a computer screen.

MAGic lets you magnify your computer screen from 1 to 16 times its usual size. You can choose from a number of different adjustable views that let you see both a magnified and unmagnified portion of the screen at the same time.

Speech features assist you in processing the information on your screen. MAGic can read text that you type or point at with the mouse. MAGic moves the magnified area of the screen so you always see the text being read and highlights words as they are spoken.

Mouse and cursor enhancements help you track the location of the mouse pointer and cursor on the screen. You can choose from a wide variety of enhancement styles. MAGic lets you change the color of these enhancements, apply transparency effects, adjust their size, and more.

Color enhancements let you change how colors display on your screen. You can create rules that replace one color with another or switch two colors. You can also apply color tinting, make your screen black-and-white (monochrome), and invert the brightness and colors of your display.

Other MAGic features track elements of your screen, such as the mouse pointer, dialog boxes, and so on. The Locator feature provides you with a way to quickly find and move to different areas of the screen. The MAGic multi-directional panning system gives you complete control with adjustable speed, direction, stop and start, and screen navigation controls.

System Requirements

The recommended system requirements for MAGic are listed below.

Specification	Minimum Requirement
MAGic Standard	Windows 95/98/ME/2000/ XP Home*
MAGic Professional	Windows 95/98/ME/NT/ 2000/XP Home and Pro*
Processor speed	166 MHz
RAM	64 MB
Available hard disk space for installation	75 MB
Available hard disk space after installation	45 MB
Video	256 color graphics**
Sound	Windows compatible sound card (for speech option)

* Some MAGic features are not available for Windows 95/98/ME users.

** While MAGic will work with 256 colors, it is recommended that you use high or true color depth (16-bit color or higher).

Installing MAGic

1. Insert the MAGic CD into your CD-ROM drive.
2. The MAGic Setup program starts. You will hear the installation speak the instructions as they appear on your screen. Follow these instructions to complete the MAGic installation.

If your MAGic installation CD does not start automatically, click the Start button, select Run, and type `D:\setup`. If your CD-ROM is not D, substitute the correct drive letter.

The MAGic setup program will then begin. Choose to run the automatic or guided installation of MAGic. The automatic installation assumes that you want to install all languages and you approve of the default location where MAGic is stored on your hard disk. Use the guided installation if you want to specify which languages to install, where MAGic is stored on your computer, or whether MAGic should start automatically when you start Windows.

To uninstall MAGic go to the **Program** menu and select the **Uninstall MAGic** option in the **MAGic** submenu.

Starting MAGic


MAGic gives you a variety of ways to start the program.

- Press the hot key, **ALT+CTRL+M**, which is automatically assigned when you install MAGic.
- Double-click the MAGic icon on your desktop.
- From the **Start** menu, choose **Programs**, open the **MAGic** submenu, and choose **MAGic**.

After you start MAGic for the first time, you can choose to run the program when Windows starts. To do this, open the **File** menu, choose **Preferences**, and select the **Run MAGic at Startup** check box.

Quitting MAGic

To quit MAGic, do one of the following:

- Press **ALT+F4**
- Click the  in the top right hand corner of the window.
- Select **Exit** from the **File** menu.

Tip: If you want MAGic to ask you to save your settings when you quit, open the **File** menu and choose **Preferences**. Select the **Prompt to Save Settings on Exit** check box.

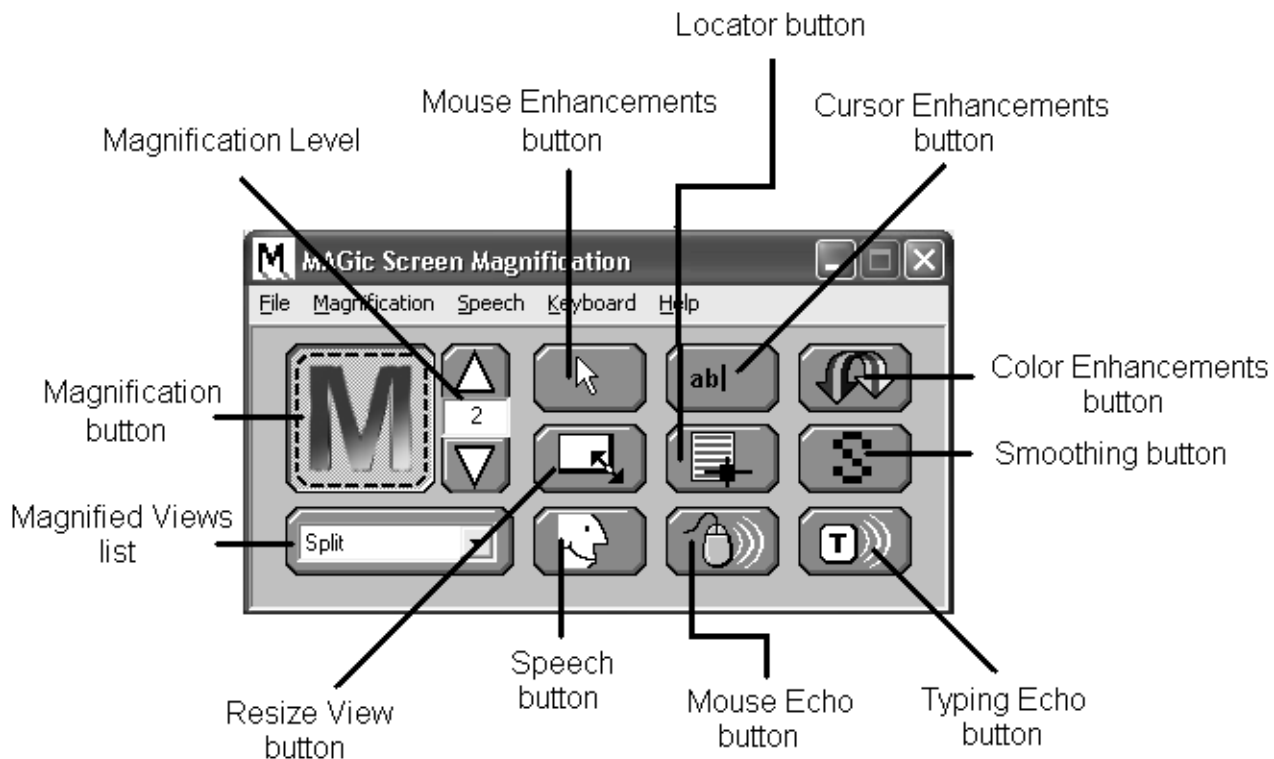
Getting Started

Start MAGic by pressing **ALT+CTRL+M** or by double-clicking the MAGic program icon on your Windows desktop. You can also start MAGic by opening the **Start** menu, choosing **Programs, MAGic** and then selecting **MAGic**.

Tip: You can change how and when MAGic starts by opening the **File** menu and choosing **Preferences**.

When you first start MAGic, your screen is displayed in 2× magnification using the Full view. Speech will also be enabled. You can change the magnification level, magnified view, speech, and many other options by using the MAGic user interface.

The user interface is a small window that appears in approximately the center of your display. This window allows you to control all aspects of MAGic and contains the magnification and speech buttons in addition to the MAGic menu and title bars. The user interface is shown below.



Magnification and Speech Buttons

One of the first things you will notice about the user interface is the rows of blue and orange buttons. The blue buttons control magnification features while the orange buttons control speech. Below are brief descriptions of each button.

Button

Function



Use the **Magnification** button to enable or disable magnification.



The current magnification level can be adjusted with the two **Magnification Level** buttons. The number in the between the two buttons shows the current level.



Use the **Mouse Enhancements** button to enable/disable enhancements and modifications for your mouse pointer. These enhancements make the mouse pointer easier to track and maneuver on your screen.









Use the **Cursor Enhancements** button to enable/disable enhancements for your cursor. These enhancements make the cursor easier to follow when editing or writing text.



Use the **Colors Enhancements** button to enable/disable color enhancements. This feature allows you to replace colors, adjust the brightness and contrast, apply tinting, blend colors, and invert the brightness and colors of your display.

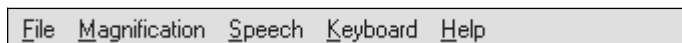


Use the **Locator** button to enable/disable the Locator function. The Locator function allows you to find items on your screen.

Button	Function
	Use the Smoothing button to enable/disable smoothing. This feature smoothes the appearance of jagged letters in a magnified state.
	The Resize View button allows you to change the dimensions of your magnified view.
	Select your preferred magnified view from the Magnified Views list.
	Use the Speech button to enable or disable speech.
	Use the Mouse Echo button to toggle the mouse echo feature on and off. The mouse echo feature enables MAGic to read text that you point at with the mouse.
	Use the Typing Echo button to enable or disable the typing echo. If typing echo is enabled, MAGic announces the words or characters you type.

MAGic Menus

Located above these buttons is the menu bar. The menu bar allows you to customize speech, magnification, and your keyboard. You can also view help information and perform other functions. Each menu is described below.



Menu	Purpose
<u>F</u>ile	The File menu allows you to save your settings, restore the original Freedom Scientific settings, and change your MAGic preferences.
<u>M</u>agnification	The Magnification menu allows you to customize how you view your screen with MAGic. You can also change mouse options, panning settings, view properties and more.

Menu	Purpose
<u>S</u>peech	You can customize MAGic's speech components to fit your particular needs. The Speech menu allows you to customize how you hear MAGic.
<u>K</u>eyboard	The Keyboard menu allows you to customize how you use your PC's keyboard with MAGic. You can re-assign the MAGic Key to a different key and manage shortcut keys.
<u>H</u>elp	The Help menu provides you with detailed help information for the various MAGic functions and options. You can also view information on the newest features for this release and see your current MAGic version.

The MAGic Key

The **MAGic Key** is the **CAPS LOCK** key on your keyboard. Pressing the **MAGic Key** in combination with other keys activates a number of MAGic commands. If you want to assign the **MAGic Key** to a different key on your keyboard, open the **Keyboard** menu and choose **MAGic Key**.

Reading Text with MAGic

MAGic can use synthesized speech to read text that appears on your screen, including documents, menus, dialog boxes, e-mail messages, Web pages, and more. Additionally, MAGic can highlight the text as it is spoken. To customize MAGic's speech, use the commands available on the **Speech** menu.

Tip: You can silence MAGic's speech at any time by pressing CTRL . To toggle speech on or off, press MAGic Key+F3 .
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Using the Mouse to Read Text

Mouse echo is a feature that allows you to read text with your mouse. To use mouse echo, just move your mouse pointer to some text on your screen and then stop. After a short delay, **MAGic** will speak the word you pointed to. You can use the **Mouse Echo** button to enable or disable this feature.

Using the Keyboard to Read Text

MAGic has a number of different keystrokes that let you use the keyboard to read text. To use these keystrokes, move your insertion point or mouse pointer to any location within the document. Then press one of the following key combinations to read from that location:

- To begin reading from your current location, press **MAGic Key+SPACEBAR**.
- To read the current word, press **MAGic Key+ALT**
- To spell the current word, press **MAGic Key+ALT** twice quickly.
- To read the current line, press **MAGic Key+L**.
- To read the current sentence, press **MAGic Key+S**.
- To read the next sentence, press **MAGic Key+SHIFT+S**.
- To read the current paragraph, press **MAGic Key+P**.
- To read any connected words with the same foreground and background colors, press **MAGic Key+CTRL**. You can use this command to read text that you have selected.
- To hear the contents of the Clipboard, press **MAGic Key+C**.

Note: By default, the **MAGic Key** is assigned to the **CAPS LOCK** key. To change this, open the **Keyboard** menu and choose **MAGic Key**.

When you read text with these keystrokes, **MAGic** highlights the word it is currently speaking. To change the color and/or style of this highlighting, open the **Speech** menu and choose **Document and Text Reading**.

Getting Help

Online Help System

To access MAGic's online help system, select **Help Topics** from the **Help** menu, which is located on the menu bar of the MAGic application window. Use the Table of Contents to navigate the help system. Use the **Index** or the **Find** tabs to search for specific topics within the help system. If you want MAGic to read the help topics to you, position the mouse pointer at the beginning of the help page, and press **MAGic Key+SPACEBAR**. To move to the next topic, press the **PERIOD** key, and, to move back a topic, use the **COMMA** key. Additionally, the **Back** button will take you directly back to the topic you read prior to the one currently displayed.

What's This? Help

MAGic's What's This? help is context-sensitive help that you can use as a reference when working with MAGic's user interface or dialog boxes. Press **SHIFT+F1** on any button on the user interface, or control in a dialog box to see a brief description of the purpose of the control and how to use it.

MAGic User's Guide

We provide you with the content of the MAGic online help system in the *MAGic User's Guide*, which is printed in large text for easier reading. This book contains detailed descriptions of MAGic's features, and also pull-out reference cards.

Technical Support

If you do not find the answers to questions or problems that you have, contact Freedom Scientific Technical Support, (727) 803-8600.

About MAGic

Select **About MAGic** from the **Help** menu on the MAGic user interface to view the version number of MAGic you are currently running.

MAGic Hot Keys

General

Start MAGic	ALT+CTRL+M
Minimize/Restore the MAGic User Interface	MAGic Key+NUM PAD ASTERISK
Pass Through Key	MAGic Key+3
Refresh Screen	MAGic Key+ESC

Magnification, Views, & Enhancements

Increase Magnification	MAGic Key+NUM PAD PLUS or CTRL+EQUALS
Decrease Magnification	MAGic Key+NUM PAD MINUS or CTRL+DASH
Magnification Toggle On/Off	MAGic Key+DELETE
Switch between Magnified Views	MAGic Key+NUM PAD SLASH
Toggle Color Enhancements On/Off	MAGic Key+F12
Toggle Cursor Enhancements On/Off	MAGic Key+F8
Toggle Mouse Enhancements On/Off	MAGic Key+F4

Panning and Screen Movement

Pan Right	MAGic Key+RIGHT ARROW or MAGic Key+NUM PAD 6
Pan Left	MAGic Key+LEFT ARROW or MAGic Key+NUM PAD 4
Pan Down	MAGic Key+DOWN ARROW or MAGic Key+NUM PAD 2

Pan Up	MAGic Key+UP ARROW or MAGic Key+NUM PAD 8
Increase Speed during Panning	NUM PAD PLUS
Decrease Speed during Panning	NUM PAD MINUS
Move to Left Edge of Screen in Magnified View	MAGic Key+HOME
Move to Right Edge of Screen in Magnified View	MAGic Key+END
Move to top of Screen	MAGic Key+PAGE UP
Move to Bottom of Screen	MAGic Key+PAGE DOWN
Move to Beginning of Next Line	MAGic Key+ENTER

Tracking

Tracking Toggle On/Off	MAGic Key+R
Reposition Mouse	MAGic Key+NUM PAD 5

Locator Mode

Start Locator	MAGic Key+F10
Stop Locator	ESC
Move Left	LEFT ARROW
Move Right	RIGHT ARROW
Move Up	UP ARROW
Move Down	DOWN ARROW
Move to End of Line	END
Move to Beginning of Line	HOME
Move to Top of Screen	PAGE UP

Move to Bottom of Screen	PAGE DOWN
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Quick View Frame

Toggle Quick View Frame On/Off	MAGic Key+Q
Set upper left corner of frame	MAGic Key+LEFT BRACKET
Set lower right corner of frame	MAGic Key+RIGHT BRACKET
Create frame around current dialog box option	MAGic Key+LEFT BRACKET twice quickly
Open Quick View Manager	MAGic Key+9

Speech

Silence Current Speech	CTRL
Enable/Disable Speech	MAGic Key+F3
Language Toggle	MAGic Key+F11

Note: On multi-language systems, the primary language by default is the language of the operating system. When you choose a second language, use **MAGic Key+F11** to toggle between the primary and secondary language. To set another language, do so in the **Voices** dialog box, activated from the **Speech** menu on the **MAGic** user interface.

Document Reading

Read All from Location	MAGic Key+SPACEBAR
Read Active Window (reads from the beginning of document window)	MAGic Key+SPACEBAR (twice)
Say Title Bar	MAGic Key+T

Text Reading

Say Current Color Block	MAGic Key+CTRL
Say Current Word	MAGic Key+ALT
Spell Current Word	MAGic Key+ALT (twice)
Say Current Line	MAGic Key+L
Say Current Sentence	MAGic Key+S
Say Next Sentence	MAGic Key+SHIFT+S
Say Current Paragraph	MAGic Key+P
Say Contents of Clipboard	MAGic Key+C

Note: When using the document and text reading commands, if you move the mouse MAGic reads from the current location of the mouse pointer. If you move the insertion point, MAGic reads from the location of the insertion point.

Typing Echo

Toggle announcement of uppercase letters on/off	MAGic Key+F2
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Mouse Echo

Mouse Echo Toggle	MAGic Key+M
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Note: Toggling the mouse echo rotates between speak lines, speak words, and mouse echo off.

Some actions in MAGic do not have hot keys assigned. You can define hot keys for many of these features from within the **Keyboard Assignments** dialog box.

Windows Shortcut Keys

General

Get Help	F1
Open the Start menu	WINDOWS Key or CTRL+ESC
Open Windows Explorer	WINDOWS Key+E
Open the Run dialog box	WINDOWS Key+R
Find file or folder from Desktop	F3
Minimize all windows	WINDOWS Key+M
Switch between programs	ALT+TAB
Quit the active program	ALT+F4

For Windows and Menus

Open the application control menu	ALT+SPACEBAR
Move to the menu bar	ALT
Choose a menu command	ENTER
Move between menus	ALT, arrow keys
Close a menu	ESC
Close a cascading menu	ALT
Open a child window control menu	ALT+HYPHEN
Close a child window	CTRL+F4
Open the context menu	APPLICATION Key or SHIFT+F10

For Dialog Boxes

Move through dialog box options	TAB
Move backward through dialog box options	SHIFT+TAB
Move to another tab	CTRL+TAB
Reverse direction through tabs	CTRL+SHIFT+TAB
Move to first option	HOME
Move to last option	END
Select or clear an item in a list	SPACEBAR or CTRL+SPACEBAR
Select or clear a check box	SPACEBAR

For Reading Text

Move left one character	LEFT ARROW
Move right one character	RIGHT ARROW
Move left one word	CTRL+LEFT ARROW
Move right one word	CTRL+RIGHT ARROW
Move to beginning of line	HOME
Move to end of line	END
Move up one paragraph	CTRL+UP ARROW
Move down one paragraph	CTRL+DOWN ARROW
Scroll up one screen	PAGE UP
Scroll down one screen	PAGE DOWN
Move to beginning of document	CTRL+HOME
Move to end of document	CTRL+END

For Editing Text

Copy	CTRL+C
Cut	CTRL+X
Paste	CTRL+V
Undo	CTRL+Z
Delete character to the left	BACKSPACE
Delete character to the right	DELETE
Select one character left	SHIFT+LEFT ARROW
Select one character right	SHIFT+RIGHT ARROW
Select one word left	CTRL+SHIFT+LEFT ARROW
Select one word right	CTRL+SHIFT+RIGHT ARROW
Select to beginning of line	SHIFT+HOME
Select to end of line	SHIFT+END
Select to beginning of document	CTRL+SHIFT+HOME
Select to end of document	CTRL+SHIFT+END
Select all	CTRL+A

For Windows Explorer

Delete selected file or folder	DELETE
Rename selected file or folder	F2
Open properties	ALT+ENTER
Refresh a window	F5
Switch between panes	F6 or TAB
Go up a level	BACKSPACE