Google Drive/Chrome Accessibility

If you use Google Chrome as your primary Internet browser, there are a number of accessibility extensions that you can download.

Screen Readers

Chrome Vox

- Screen reader; intended for users with visual impairments

Text-to-Speech

Select and Speak

- Read selected text in Chrome browser. Customize voice and speech options. Available in a variety of languages
- Free version has a limit of 5000 words/day; upgrade to Pro Version for unlimited words (approximately $2.99/month)

Read & Write

- Read and Write Gold tools (text-to-speech, text highlighting, word prediction, talking and picture dictionaries, etc.) available in Google browser
- Simplify and summarize text on websites
- Full version free for 30 days; after this, text to speech features remain free
- The Screenshot reader extension allows you to read text that is embedded in images or on websites that use flash, Google Slides, and inaccessible PDFs

Snap and Read

- Reads both accessible and inaccessible text (webpages and PDFs) out loud
- Simplifies words by providing easier to understand synonyms
- Translates into 100+ languages, and provides additional writing and citation supports
- Approximately $3.99/month

Screen Magnification/Viewing

Zoomy

- Overrides default zoom for website and allows you to personalize zoom levels per site

Dualless

- Simulates a dual monitor; split your current browser window in two

AlphaText

- Customize format and appearance of online articles - adjust font size/styles and line spacing
- Save preferences to easily apply to other websites

ezLinkPreview

- Browse more efficiently by previewing links without leaving your current tab
- Automatically finds all http links on a page; displays links in a draggable, resizable popup

High Contrast

- Allows you to toggle between Increased Contrast, Inverted Colour, and Inverted Grayscale colour schemes on web pages

BeeLine Reader

- Adds a colour gradient to text to guide your eyes from the end of one line to the beginning of the next
- Can customize colour schemes
- Uses Open Dyslexie Font
- Also available for download

Visor

- Allows you to dim/change colour cast of screen
- Horizontal focal point tracks your mouse, giving full focus to the content being read

Dictation

Note that Google Docs now comes with [voice recognition capabilities](#)

- ***You can both type with your voice and use voice commands (e.g., "Select paragraph," "Go to the end of the line")***

Voice Search

- Allows you to search the internet via voice commands
- Automatically worked with Google, Wikipedia, and Youtube; user can add own search engines
- Integrates speech input buttons for text fields on all websites

Mind Mapping

MindMeister

- Open, view, and edit mind maps from Google Drive
- Create mind maps that include icons, comments, links, media, and attachments; customize colours, themes, and font sizes
- Collaborate with colleagues in real-time (includes live chat feature)

Mindomo

- Create mind maps that can be customized, accessed offline, and exported as PDFs, PNGs, and more
- Allows for real-time collaboration; maps can be turned into presentations

Distraction-Free Writing/Web Browsing

Writer

- Distraction free word processor with stripped down interface
- Customize colours, font, and line spacing
- Export documents as TXT or PDF (upgrade to Pro to export to Google Docs, Dropbox, and Evernote)

StayFocused

- Limits the amount of time you spend on time-wasting websites

Turn Off The Lights

- To be used on video viewing sites (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) – extension will fade background to black while focussing on the video
- Allows for a more comfortable viewing experience

Mercury Reader

- Removes ads and other clutter/distratctions from websites
- Allows you to toggle between light and dark themes

Extensity

- Useful if you use a lot of Google Chrome extensions. Tool for quickly enabling and disabling extensions, or quickly switching between extensions

[OneTab](#)

- Converts all open tabs into a single list. Saves up to 95% memory

Writing Support
[Google Dictionary](#)

- Double click words to view definitions and hear pronunciations
- Allows you to store a history of the words you've looked up

[Grammarly](#)

- Checks your spelling and grammar as you type
- After registering your account, you will receive weekly emails with performance statistics on your writing

[Writefull](#)

- Get immediate feedback on your writing (can be used with Gmail, MS Word, etc.)
- Provides word prediction/suggestions, definition, and synonyms

[Co:Writer Universal](#)

- Predicts your next word as you type
- Text-to-speech feature allows you to hear what you've typed
- Cost: $4.99/month

Note Taking
[Evernote Web](#)

- Web-based, cross-device application that allows you to create notes, to-do lists and reminders; save your notes, research, and projects all in one place!
- Chrome application allows you to insert documents saved to your Google Drive

[Evernote Web Clipper](#)

- "Clip" any part of a webpage (text, images, links, etc.) and save them to your Evernote account
- Access your research from any device

Other
[EquatIO](#)

- Equates handwritten math equations/formulas to digital text
- Recognizes dictated formulas
- Allows you to add sketches/diagrams to your work

Approximately $100 for a one-year subscription