Product Overview
Kurzweil 1000 for Windows
Version 11

Kurzweil 1000 is award-winning software that makes printed or electronic text accessible to people who are blind or visually impaired. It incorporates communication and productivity tools to ease and enhance their reading, writing, and learning experience.

The software speaks text aloud in a variety of natural-sounding voices that can be modified to individual preferences. In addition, the software gives users the ability to write and edit documents, and to complete simple forms independently, as well as features for note taking, summarizing content, and outlining text.

Kurzweil 1000 delivers quick access to virtually any content, including online books, magazines, dictionaries, and encyclopedias, so readers can pursue the interests they want. They can also take their reading wherever they go by sending files to Braille note takers and embossers, and portable devices such as DAISY and MP3 audio players.

Kurzweil 1000 is easy to use for beginners, yet powerful and flexible for advanced users. Its wide array of features will save users time and help them gain independence — whether at home, at school, or at work.

Kurzweil 1000 Features and Benefits

Simple Forms Recognition and Completion
Our software provides easy access to most printed forms and presents them with the fields, labels, boxes, and text areas in the appropriate reading order. Fill in the fields, edit, save, and print — even insert your handwritten signature into the form, or any Kurzweil 1000 document, once it's scanned into your computer.

Choices for More Accurate Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
Two OCR engines, ScanSoft© OCR and ABBYY™ FineReader, provide the most accurate available OCR. For the best possible scanning results, Kurzweil 1000 also has the ability to correct many errors. A noise filter option lets users ignore regions near the edge of a page that were incorrectly identified as text.

State-of-the-Art Speech Options
Clear, natural-sounding VoiceText™ voices from NeoSpeech and ETI-Eloquence™ voices from Nuance deliver the highest quality text-to-speech (TTS), making your reading a pleasure to hear. You can choose and adjust our many voice options to suit your individual preference.

Appointment Calendar with Audible Reminders
Keep track of your schedule with our easy-to-use calendar application. You can add, edit, and delete your calendar entries simply from the desktop taskbar, as well as set audible reminders that will play any sound file on your computer you choose.

It's easy to complete simple forms without assistance in Kurzweil 1000. Kurzweil 1000 keeps an image of the form you scan in, and presents you with the fields, labels, boxes, text areas, as well as the positions of those items, in the appropriate reading order. Once you've filled in the blanks, you can save the form and insert your handwritten signature, as in this example, once you have scanned it into the program.

Kurzweil 1000 Features and Benefits (continued)

Study Tools
Add bookmarks, text notes, and annotations; skim, summarize, and create outlines for your work, and have your documents open to the last position read. Professionals and students find Kurzweil 1000's comprehensive time-saving study tools extremely useful. Plus, you'll have access to eighteen bilingual dictionaries.

Quick Access to Scan, Photocopy, and Fax Features
Assign specific Kurzweil 1000 functions to your scanner buttons for faster scanning, copying and faxing. Once configured, pressing a single button will perform the desired task.

Create Documents and Work with Tables
Writing and editing documents is simple with our audible text editor, built-in dictionaries, thesaurus, and spell checker. In addition, proofreading keystrokes for reading one word at a time include punctuation and capitalization reporting. You can also create, edit, and read tables with the same ease, plus convert blocks of text to tables and vice versa.

Link Documents and Settings
You can link your settings to documents, saving you time and effort.

Online Information Search and Retrieval
Enjoy quick access to information from a variety of sources, including e-books, magazines, encyclopedias, and the Merriam-Webster medical dictionary. Based on your criteria, Kurzweil 1000 will search select Internet repositories such as Bookshare.org, NLS Web Braille, AccessWorld, Talking Newspaper Association of the United Kingdom, NFB Publications, the Columbia Encyclopedia and Wikipedia (in multiple languages), and present you with your download choices.

DAISY Format Support
Kurzweil 1000 opens, reads, edits, and saves text-only DAISY files, including original tables, bookmarks, links, and notes. You'll also have DAISY Type 2 file support for audible document navigation.

Read Files Away From Home and Burn CDs
Kurzweil 1000 can send your files to BrailleNote™, BookPort™, Book Courier, Maestro™, and other handheld devices so you can read and reference important material when away from your home or office computer. You can also create CDs of your files within Kurzweil 1000 if you have a CD burner.

Create and Play Audio Files
It's easy to convert your Kurzweil 1000 documents to MP3, WAV, and DAISY audio files. If your document contains bookmarks, Kurzweil 1000 will use them to create separate audio files so your selections will be easier to manage on your portable player. In addition, you can listen to audio files from other sources in Kurzweil 1000 along with the option to use reading and navigational keys for audio DAISY, and Bookmarks or Notes to annotate MP3, WAV, and WMA files.

Broad Range of File Access
Any file type that you can print through an application installed on your computer can be opened with Kurzweil 1000 (including PDF), which greatly expands your reading choices.

Other Notable Features
- Supports low vision users with magnification and highlighting functions
- Provides easy access to common business applications (Calculator, Photocopier, and Fax)
- Scans within Microsoft Word
- Sends files through popular e-mail applications.

System Requirements
Kurzweil 1000 requires a TWAIN or WIA-compatible flatbed scanner and a computer that meets or exceeds the system requirements listed below:

- Processor: 500 MHz Intel® Pentium® III or faster. If using VoiceText TTS, 700 MHz Pentium II or faster required.
- Memory: 128 MB, 256 MB for VoiceText.
- Hard Disk Space: 500 MB and an additional 625 MB if using VoiceText.
- Sound Card: SoundBlaster® compatible sound card with speakers.
- CD-ROM drive, full-size keyboard, and/or 17-button keypad.
- Floppy Disk Drive (for DECtalk® option).
- For Audio File Creation: MP3 encoder and/or media player.
- MP3 File Playback on Other Devices: MP3 player capable of playing multiple sampling rates.
- Operating System: Windows® 98, 2000, ME®, or XP® operating systems. (Please note: significant Kurzweil 1000 features are likely to be unavailable on Windows 98 and Windows ME.)

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