

Kurzweil Educational Systems

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.

Employment Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: Smith John W. Date: 10/02/06
Last First MI

Address: 100 Crosby Drive MI
Street Address Apartment/Unit #
Bedford MA 01730
City State ZIP Code

Phone: 781-276-0600 E-mail Address: info@kurzweiledu.com
Date Available: 11/01/06 Social Security No.: 123-45-6789 Desired Salary: \$open

Position Applied for: SW Engineer

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES NO

Have you ever worked for this company? YES NO If yes, when? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
If this application leads to employment, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature: John W. Smith Date: 10/02/06

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.

"Kurzweil 1000 has dramatically changed my professional life. Before, I had to pay human readers to read me my books and journals. That was both expensive and difficult to arrange. Now, with Kurzweil 1000, I can read independently and easily take notes using multi-level bookmarks. Its many useful features, and the terrific development and support teams behind it, really set Kurzweil 1000 apart from any other adaptive product out there."

Luis Eduardo Peña Kurzweil 1000 User and Clinical Psychologist, Cali, Colombia

"I use Kurzweil 1000 to scan my books, mail, even food boxes. And I have used its handy feature for identifying money. I have found it to be the most efficient and user-friendly way for me to read almost anything without human assistance. Each new version of Kurzweil 1000 has increased scanning accuracy and added features that make scanning, finding, and reading material of all types faster and easier."

Sarah Van Oosterwijk Kurzweil 1000 User, Cottage Grove, MN

System Requirements

Kurzweil 1000 requires a TWAIN or WIA-compatible flat bed 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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