

Release Notes

Kurzweil 3000 Version 12 Patch 12.06
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This document provides information about Patch 12.06 for Standalone, Network and Web License Editions, in addition to notes from versions 12.0 and 12.01. Patch 12.03 was for Dutch and French releases only.

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GENERAL INSTALLATION NOTES

- Version 12 program install and program-related files are on DVD, so you will need a DVD drive. If you do not have a DVD drive, you can go to www.kurzweiledu.com/installv12 to download it.
- Before installing Kurzweil 3000 Version 12, read the installation instructions in the Kurzweil 3000 for Windows Standalone or Network Installation and Administration Guide.
- Version 12 no longer includes filters and converters from Stellant. If you want to keep the converters, do not uninstall the earlier version of Kurzweil 3000, instead install Version 12 over the previous version.
- When installing or uninstalling on computers with Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Windows 7 you must be logged on as administrator or as a user with administrator privileges.
- The starting point for the Version 12 install is the Setup file in the directory window that opens when the product DVD is inserted. Double-click that file and follow the prompts.
- Whenever installing a combination of Kurzweil 3000 and Kurzweil 1000 (reading system for the blind), always install the older version first, based on the date on the DVD.
- The Trial version can no longer be activated to the full product. For the full product, you must install from the separate product DVD and register the product.

12.06 WHAT'S NEW

- Updated for FireFox 5

12.06 CHANGES AND RESOLVED ISSUES

When looking up a definition of a word, the word in the resulting Definition window contains the question mark character. This encoding problem has been fixed.

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS PATCHES

12.05 Dutch and French releases only.

INFORMATION FROM PATCH 12.04

All Editions:

- Updated Help – The PDF versions of the Web License Guide and the Network Installation Guide are downloadable from www.kurzweiledu.com, Kurzweil 3000 Version 12 tab, and Documentation Downloads page. Online Help has also been updated.
- Updated for FireFox 4, Internet Explorer, and Gutenberg online books.

12.04 CHANGES AND RESOLVED ISSUES

Changes in Web License Edition:

- Upload to Web Universal Library utility now includes batch upload to the District.

Resolved Issues in All Editions:

- Running Ranked Spelling for multiple documents produced combined results for all documents when viewing an individual document's list. This has been fixed.
- Fixed problem with Word Prediction Word Pairs not working.
- Fixed problem with hyperlinks not pointing to correct bookmarks.
- Fixed problem with Word Lists disappearing.

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INFORMATION FROM PATCH 12.02

New in All Editions:

- Updated Help – The PDF version of the Web License Guide is downloadable from www.kurzweiledu.com, Kurzweil 3000 Version 12 tab, and Documentation Downloads page.
- Updated KESIReader Firefox extension file downloadable from www.kurzweiledu.com, Kurzweil 3000 Version 12 tab, Patches and Updates page. See online Help topic, Updating Firefox, for instructions.
- New Artwork for the product splash screen.

New in Web License Edition:

- District Library in Web Universal Library structure – A district-level public folder, ideal for sharing district-wide curriculum files and resources, has been added. The district Library is the district version of the school's Public folder. Everyone in the district has Read and Copy permissions, while Teachers can also create, save, rename, and delete files in it. Optionally, someone in the district with Teacher or higher user privilege, can create a Share folder under the district Library allowing students to share files across the district. Note that no one can copy, rename or delete the Library.
- License Time Out – After 60 minutes of inactivity, a message appears asking if you are still using the program. If there is no response within 5 minutes, Kurzweil 3000 automatically logs off your account in order to reclaim the license. The only function available in Kurzweil 3000 is Save so that you can save any work. If there is an assignment in progress, Kurzweil 3000 automatically saves the work.
- Change User in the File menu is now available for users.
- Users Preferences travel with users from computer to computer. Kurzweil 3000 Web License system maintains each user's personal preferences, settings and any feature that is customizable, including Toolbar sets, Word Lists, OCR Corrections list, and

Word Prediction and Spell Check dictionaries. Upon logging in, Kurzweil 3000 checks for and uses the latest settings.

Resolved Issues in All Editions:

Reading

- In Continuous Reading mode, when Kurzweil 3000 finishes reading a selection of text in an image page, the cursor jumps to the top of the page and the first word flashes. This has been fixed.

Brainstorm

- In a Brainstorm object containing text, placing the cursor anywhere results in the insertion point at the beginning of the text. This issue has been resolved.

Outline

- When adding a note to any item in Outline view, Kurzweil 3000 set the cursor before the first main topic. This issue has been resolved.
- Fixed program crash when closing Outline view without saving edits made.
- Numbering issues resolved include: Numbering from Outline view was not translated in Brainstorm view, numbers being deleted during Outline creation.

Column Notes

- When reading through a multipage text document with Column Notes window open below, the content in the Column Notes appears in the host document, overwriting text in the document. This is fixed.
- SAPI5 timing issue which was causing reading to go out of sync in Column Notes when using the Speak button. This has been fixed.

Application hangs when creating a Hyperlink in Footnotes. This has been resolved.

File Open and Arrow Keys

- Fixed arrow keys not functioning in file name field when using File Save As for image documents.

Read the Web

- Fixed issue of Kurzweil 3000 Read the Web message in Internet Explorer remaining even when Read the Web is not open.
- Fixed error message display upon selecting Scroll Automatically under Read the Web in the Reading Options dialog.

Spell Check

- Fixed a problem with text not being read in the Spell Check window.

Printing Fill in the Blanks Answers

- When printing Fill in the Blank files, no answers or only some characters in the answers print out. This has been fixed.

Page Navigation

- When using Read the Web, Hyperlink, or Synonym functions in a multipage document, page buttons on the page navigation toolbar are grayed out. This has been fixed.

Tools Options Image Color

- With Speak Button option selected, the Tools Options Image colors were not being spoken. This is fixed.

Human Pronunciation

- Resolved issue with Human Pronunciation from the Toolbar not working for users without Administrator privilege.

Shortcut Keys

- Fixed non-functioning CTRL+R and A key in Zone Editor and Header-Footer Editor.

Taskbar

- If you had the Kurzweil Taskbar active, when you install the patch, it is no longer available. You must re-activate it using the Right Mouse Button menu's Toolbars >

Kurzweil Taskbar command. When the Kurzweil Taskbar is re-activated, the default voice will be VW Julie, or the voice you had previously selected.

Language Tags

- Tagging the last word in a page as another language resulted in reading the word in the set language, but reading the last character in the original language. This has been fixed.

Field Text

- Fixed non-functioning Field Text Edit.

Resolved Issues in Web License Edition:

Universal Library

- Teacher's Universal Library access was restricted to the first school that that teacher was assigned. Documents could not be saved to the school folders in the Universal Library for schools beyond that first one. Reassigning the teacher to a different school resulted in access to only the initial school assigned. This has been fixed. Users with Teacher privilege can now view classes in any schools across a "campus."
- When selecting a file from File Open from Library, and using the Rename feature, the file disappears. This is fixed.

Assignments

- The Assignment Name list's default sort order was alphabetical in descending order, from Z to A. The default sort order is now alphabetical in ascending order, from A to Z. You can click again to sort by descending order.
- Flag Sorting in Assignment lists now works, and the default is by highest to lowest severity.
- Sort order selection in Assignment lists is maintained from session to session.
- When Word is not installed on a system, saving a .KES document that contains Bubble Notes or a Brainstorm file in Word .DOC or .DOCX format, then Publishing it results in a system error. This is fixed.
- Opening a New Response Document from the Student Assignments Menu returns a system error. This has been fixed.
- Saving a No Response Assignment containing Bubble Notes with answers is resulting in error messages and loss of edits and answers. Furthermore, closing the document does not save the answers. This is because any edits or answers made in Bubble Notes in No-Response documents cannot be saved as the document does not require responses. There are now new warning messages when you open the No-Response document and when you try to save or close the file. Note that text that you highlight using the Highlight pens in a No-Response document does get saved.
- Response Type box (found in New Assignment and Edit/View Assignment dialogs) is no longer an editable text box, but a list box.
- Fixed issue with Assignment document list not displaying document names when scrolling.
- Fixed Teacher Comments button not available in Past Assignments view.
- In the Student Past Assignment dialog, the Changed Date column header is now called "Status Change Date," with the same functionality, i.e., indicates when a teacher has accepted or rejected an assignment.

Scoring

- Answers to matches in matching questions are being scored incorrectly. This has been fixed so that each match within a matching item counts as a single question towards the total number of questions in the assignment.

Resolved Issues in Network Edition:

- Resolved issue with inability to delete a logged on user from the network, and inability to work on Network Administrator until the user is logged off.

INFORMATION FROM PATCHES 12.01

SUPPORT UPDATE

- Kurzweil 3000 no longer supports Cartesian Compression. See Technical Notes for more information.
- Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows NT, and Windows 2000 are no longer supported for Kurzweil 3000.
- Kurzweil 3000 Version 9 and earlier versions are no longer supported.
- PCX image files are no longer supported.
- Version 12 no longer includes filters and converters from Stellant.

PRODUCT NOTES

- The text-to-speech voices shipped with Kurzweil 3000 have been updated. We are now shipping NeoSpeech Paul and Julie (English) and NeoSpeech Violetta (Spanish). We are no longer shipping NeoSpeech Kate, and RealSpeak Javier and Paulina Spanish. If your system already has VW Kate and you want to continue using it, do not uninstall it when installing Version 12, otherwise, VW Julie will be the default female voice.
- The Hyperlinks in Bubble Notes feature have been removed and replaced with the Add/Edit Hyperlinks found on the Tools menu.
- The Read button in the Kurzweil 3000 Taskbar has been changed to the same green Read arrow that is in the program's Main toolbar.

TECHNICAL NOTES

NIMAS

- When opening NIMAS .opf files, Kurzweil 3000 uses a converter which saves them as .KES files that you can then read. If you choose to keep images when you convert files, you should be aware that those images will only be visible when read with Kurzweil 3000 Version 12 or above. Earlier versions of Kurzweil 3000 will ignore those images entirely, and may drop them if editing is done with earlier versions. The same is true if you convert DAISY 3 documents that have links to images to KES files.
- Some of the underlying components used by the NIMAS converter have size limits - in particular, one component is limited to a maximum of 32,000 paragraphs. We have not found a NIMAS file that exceeds that limit yet, but there are likely to be some. If so, they will not convert properly.
- The NIMAS converter does not support SVG files.
- Note also that the NIMAS conversion process can be a bit time-consuming.

KESI Virtual Printer and Internet Explorer

- If you want to use KESI Virtual Printer and have IE in Protected Mode, you must first disable Protected Mode and Restart before using the Virtual Printer. When you are finished, re-enable Protected Mode and Restart.

Hidden Audio File Folders

- Audio Output files are automatically placed in the Audio Output shortcut folder on the user's desktop. In the event that the shortcut is accidentally removed, the output files may be found in the Application Data or ProgramData (Windows 7) folder.
- If, however, your system has the option, Hidden files, folders, and drives, set to Don't Show, the output audio file folder will be hidden. To display hidden files and folders, find Folder Options and set Show files, folders, and drives.

Audio Spooling

- If AudioSpooler was working when your computer was shut down, you must manually run AudioSpooler.exe to continue converting after the reboot. You can add a shortcut to AudioSpooler.exe in your Startup folder if desired. It will exit when finished or if no conversion work is found.
- The Kurzweil 3000 installation process creates two folders for audio files (Pending Audio and Output Audio) in Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\KESI or under Program Data in Vista and Windows 7. Limited Users on at least some version of Windows do not have the ability to write to this folder by default. This means that in order to use the Create MP3 feature, a Client must be logged on to Windows as a Power User or higher, or they must be given write access to the "KESI" folder listed above.

Opening Cartesian Compressed Files

- Kurzweil 3000 no longer supports Cartesian compression. If you want to open image-based .KES files created using Kurzweil 3000 Version 8 or earlier, you will need to use the UpdateKES utility download from www.kurzweiledu.com/updatekesutility.

NETWORK USER NOTES

License-to-Go

- License-to-Go saves a file to the "All Users\Application Data" or "Program Data" (for Vista and Windows 7) folder so that it is accessible to anyone who uses the machine. The actual location of this folder can vary, but it's typically:
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\
 - Limited Users on at least some version of Windows do not have the ability to write to this folder by default. This means that in order to use the License-to-Go feature, a Client must be logged on to Windows as a Power User or higher, or they must be given write access to the "KESI" subfolder of the folder listed above.
 - In order to use License-to-Go, you must also give full access to the following registry key and all its descendants:

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\KESI]

WEB LICENSE NOTES

- Kurzweil 3000 Automater launch includes user name and password boxes for Web License Edition users.
- Documentation change: When setting up classes in VPORT, click the blue Kurzweil icon in the last column to create a class, add grade and/or teacher details in the class name if desired. Released documentation says "Select a grade-level by clicking on the desired blue grade icon in the last column."

STANDALONE AND NETWORK NOTES

Version 12 Standalone/Network Client Fixed Bugs

Brainstorm:

- Fixed Undo Paste operation, as well as a related bug where multi-step Undo would result when multiple items were cut or deleted.
- Brainstorm items with multiple lines were not printing correctly; this has been fixed.

Zone Edit:

- File Exit while in Zone Edit resulted in the program hanging and required exiting Zone Edit or choosing an action that changed the cursor state. This has been fixed.

- When in Zone Edit mode, the Scan feature should be disabled. The Start New Scan on the Scan menu, however, was enabled. This has been fixed.

Scanning:

- Fixed file size increase when Show New Scans was enabled.
- Fixed Scan Repeatedly feature stopping after canceling a scan operation.
- Fixed inconsistent results when canceling a Scan operation.

Miscellaneous:

- When focus was in Column Notes, it was possible to create Bookmarks and Hyperlinks. This has been fixed.
- When reading in Spanish, and the Syllables command was executed, the Pronounce button and menu item became unavailable. This has been fixed.
- VoiceText voices couldn't be changed when reading MathML in Read the Web. This has been fixed.

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