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WINDOWS USER MANUAL

ESSENTIAL ACCESSIBILITY FOR WINDOWS 10 USER MANUAL

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GETTING STARTED WITH ESSENTIAL ACCESSIBILITY™

What is eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ ?

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™™ is an innovative assistive technology. It helps people with a physical disability access websites more easily.

Since releasing our previous version of eSSENTIAL Accessibility™, we have made the interface much simpler and enhanced the features our users rely upon.

ESSENTIAL ACCESSIBILITY™ : A QUICK OVERVIEW

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ makes your browsing experience a more accessible one by providing the following tools:

1. Onscreen keyboard
2. Mouse alternatives
3. Text and image zooming
4. Visual “click assist”
5. Text-to-speech
6. Voice recognition

About this manual

- Where applicable, this manual contains voice commands you can use to do certain things, like opening a dialog or clicking the mouse, within eSSENTIAL Accessibility™. Look for speech bubbles in the sidebar to the left for voice commands.

“Sample voice command”

To enable voice commands, refer to *Enabling voice commands on page 7*.

- While eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ works with older versions of Microsoft Windows, all instructions and images presented here presume the use of Windows 8.
- Your copy of eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ will be updated from the version used to create this manual, so certain images and instructions may vary slightly from how eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ works on your computer. If you have any questions or comments, please email them to support@essentialaccessibility.com.

HOW TO INSTALL ESSENTIAL ACCESSIBILITY™

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ is a distinct piece of software on your computer. To prepare your computer to use eSSENTIAL Accessibility™, follow these steps.

1. In a web browser, visit <http://www.essentialaccessibility.com>. The web page appears. You can also start the installation process by clicking the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ logo on any website that features it.



2. Click the Download link. The Download page appears.
3. Click the Download Now graphic.
4. A File Download – Security Warning dialog may appear. If so, click the Run button.
5. Follow the remaining on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ can be installed on any computer that meets the following minimum requirements:

- Microsoft Windows® 10, Windows® 8, Windows® 7 (Windows 10 or 8 recommended)
- Processor Pentium III, 600 MHz or higher (Pentium IV recommended)
- 256 MB RAM Memory or more (512 MB recommended)
- 20 MB free space on hard drive for full installation
- An internet connection

How to start eSSENTIAL Accessibility™

From the Windows 8 start screen, click the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ tile.



To start eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ at Windows start-up, click the Settings icon.



In the Settings screen, click General in the list on the left side of the screen, then check Start the application at Windows start-up check box

How to change language of eSSENTIAL Accessibility™

To change Language, click the Settings icon.



In the Settings screen, click General in the list on the left side of the screen, then choose your preferred language.

How to Reset all settings to default values

To change Reset all settings to default values, click the Settings icon.



In the Settings screen, click General in the list on the left side of the screen, then click on *Reset all settings to default values*

How to access online help

To check online help within eSSENTIAL Accessibility™, click the Help icon.



You can also access help from the Settings screen.

How to exit eSSENTIAL Accessibility™

To shut down eSSENTIAL Accessibility™, click the Exit application icon in the top right corner of the window.



USING ALTERNATIVES TO THE KEYBOARD AND MOUSE

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ does not require people to use standard computer keyboards and mice to browse the web. Use your favourite option – keyboard only, mouse only, even your voice – to navigate web pages.

Enabling keyboard and mouse alternatives

To make eSSENTIAL Accessibility™'s keyboard and mouse alternatives available while you browse, click the Settings icon to enable them.

***"Open Settings" or "Open Options"
or "Show Option" or "Show Settings"***

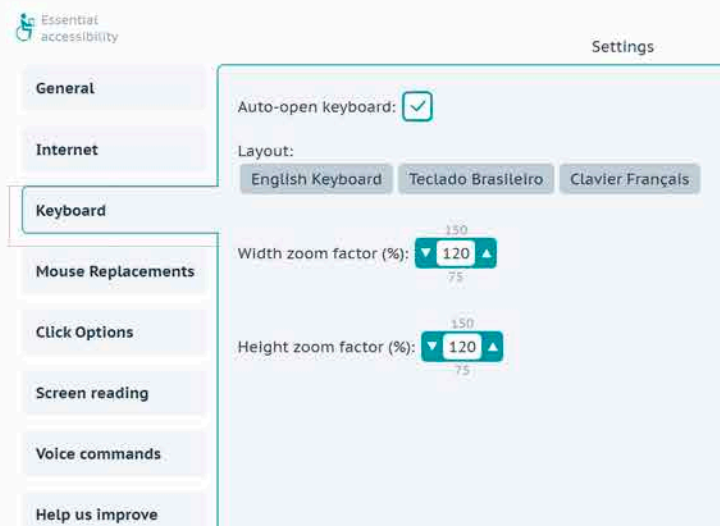


***"Close Settings" or "Close Options"
or "Hide Options" or "Hide Settings"***

To close the Settings screen and return to the web page currently displayed, click the Settings icon again.

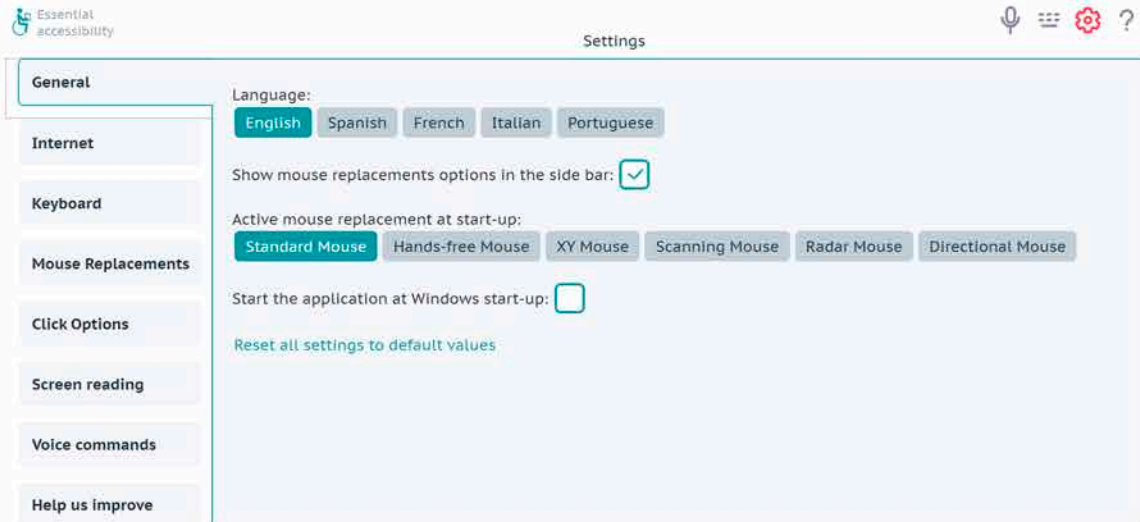
ENABLING THE ON-SCREEN KEYBOARD

In the Settings screen, click Keyboard in the list on the left side of the screen, then click the Auto-open keyboard check box.



ENABLING YOUR FAVOURITE ON-SCREEN MOUSE REPLACEMENT

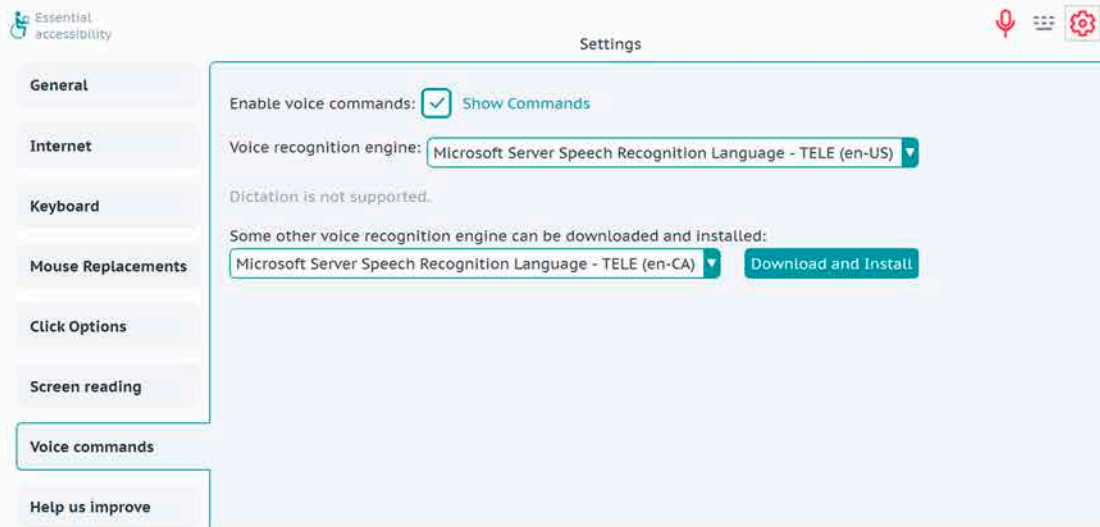
In the Settings screen, click *General* in the list on the left side of the screen, then choose your preferred mouse replacement in the *Activate mouse replacement at start-up* option.



This setting merely tells eSSential Accessibility™ what choice to enable when you first start to browse. You can switch to different mouse replacements as you browse.

ENABLING VOICE COMMANDS

In the Settings screen, click *Voice Commands* in the list on the left side of the screen, and finally, the *Enable voice commands* check box.



You can also enable voice commands by clicking the Voice commands icon at the top of the eSSential Accessibility™ window.



In this screen, you can also set the voice recognition engine you'd prefer to use. Many computers will only have the default one from Microsoft, but some people may use another engine from another company. If your computer has no voice recognition engine, this feature is unavailable.

Using the mouse to enter text

Instead of using a physical keyboard to enter text in a web page, you might prefer to use your mouse instead. To do so, follow these steps.

1. Click a text field.

Text fields are places where you can enter text. Common examples include the browser address bar or the search field on google.com.

2. The on-screen keyboard may appear once you click the text field. If it doesn't, click the on-screen keyboard icon in the top right corner of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.



The on-screen keyboard appears.



3. Type the text you want to enter.

Note the convenience of keys labeled "www." and ".com" in the on-screen keyboard that you can use to reduce the number of mouse clicks you need to make.

4. To hide the on-screen keyboard, click the keyboard icon again.

Alternative methods of controlling your mouse

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ offers several alternatives to using a mouse to control the mouse pointer in your browser. Each method is designed to ease moving or clicking the mouse, or both in certain cases.

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ groups the mouse alternatives in the left side of the window.



To show or hide side bar with mouse replacements options, click the Settings icon.



In the Settings screen, click General in the list on the left side of the screen, then click on *Show mouse replacements options in the side bar* check box.

You will find explanations of each mouse alternative in this section.

HANDS-FREE MOUSE

You can control your mouse by moving your head or your hand in full view of your computer's front-facing camera, commonly referred to as a webcam.

To use the hands-free mouse, follow these steps.

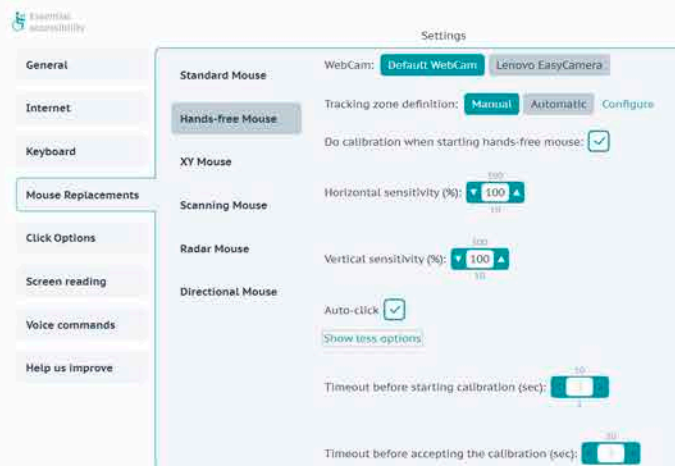
1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears.

2. In the Settings screen, click *Mouse Replacements* in the list on the left side of the screen, then *Hands-free Mouse*.

Settings for the hands-free mouse appear.



In this screen, choose the appropriate *WebCam* to use (most computers only have one).

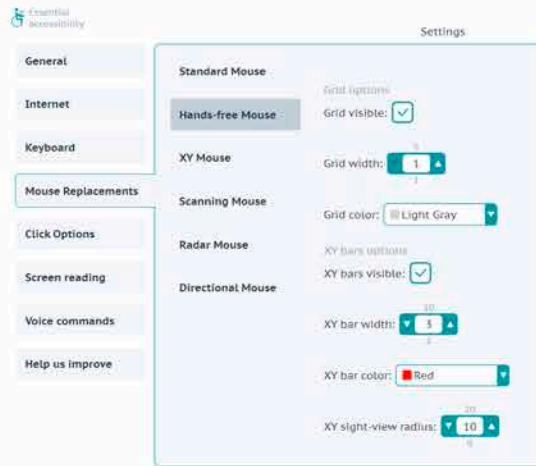
Set *Tracking zone definition* how the application will define tracking zone (manual or automatic).

Set *Do calibration every time when starting hands-free mouse* to the appropriate value

Choose time before starting the calibration and before accepting the calibration

You can also choose how quickly the mouse pointer reacts to your movements using the *Horizontal sensitivity (%)* and *Vertical sensitivity (%)* settings.

You can choose between two *Auto-click* options: the mouse can click either when it hovers over an area (*Auto-click* check box is checked) or when it's physically clicked (*StandardClick*, *Auto-click* check box is unchecked).



In this screen, you can also determine the appearance of the XY bars and appearance of the Grid.

To show XY bars check XY bars visible check box.

Make the bars easier to see by increasing the Bar width.

To change the size of the circle that moves across the mouse pointer, change the Sight-view Radius number. The larger the number, the larger the circle.

Set the Bar color to one that you can easily see.

To show grid check Grid visible check box

Make the grid easier to see by increasing the Grid width.

Set the Grid color to one that you can easily see.

3. Click the Hands-free mouse icon in the left side of the eSSential Accessibility™ window.

"Start hands-free mouse"



The eSSential Accessibility™ logo in the centre of the top of the window changes into a small video screen to show you what your webcam sees.

You can use this and other mouse replacements in the Settings screen or on web pages.

4. Move your face or a finger in front of the webcam to manipulate the mouse pointer.

5. To click an area of the page, hover the mouse pointer over that area.

"Click"

6. To return to the standard mouse, click the Start Standard Mouse icon in the left side of the eSSential Accessibility™ window.

"Stop mouse"

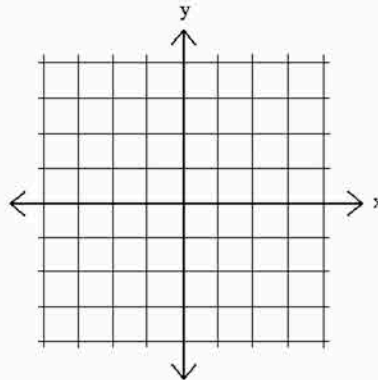


You can also hold down the Ctrl key and press F1 to return to the standard mouse.

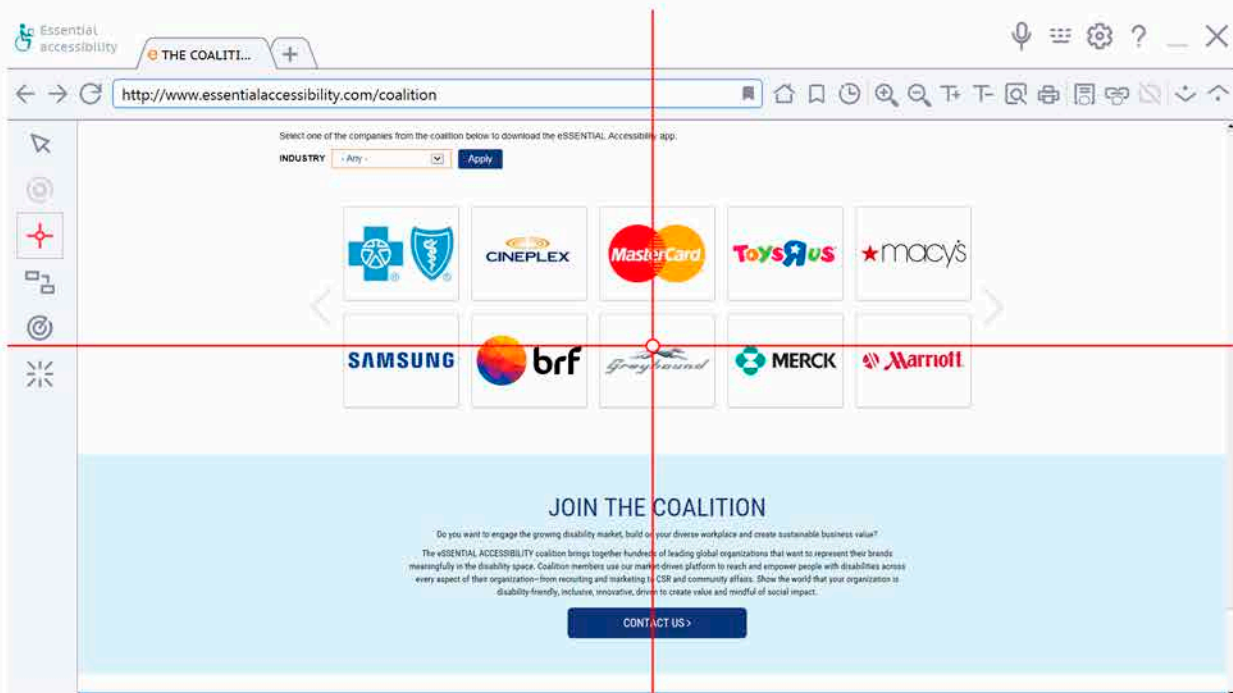
When you use an alternative to the standard mouse and Auto-click is enabled, eSSential Accessibility™ adds the icons in the left side of the window with the *Pause Autoclick* and *Drag and Drop* icon)

XY MOUSE

Every point on a web page sits at a certain latitude and longitude, much like a point on a map. You could call the precise spot an “XY” coordinate, much as would be found on a two-dimensional graph like the one below.



eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ can navigate to each spot on a map by first moving to the correct latitude and then the correct longitude. In this example, eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ started by moving a horizontal line down from the top of the page. Once the mouse was clicked, the horizontal line stopped where it was and a vertical line started to move from the left side of the page to the right.



By clicking at the precise spot where the red circle indicates the intersection of the two lines, the user clicks the “Greyhound” logo.

To use the XY mouse, follow these steps.

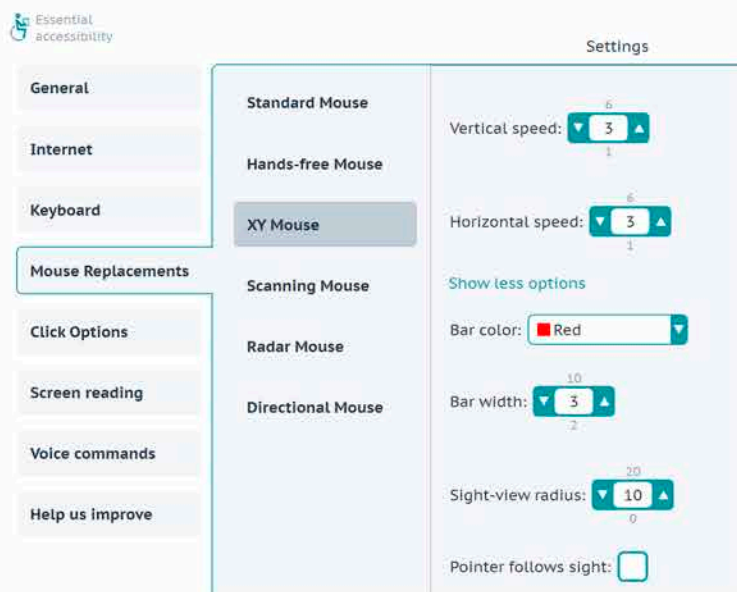
1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears.

2. In the Settings screen, click *Mouse Replacements* in the list on the left side of the screen, then *XY Mouse*.

Settings for the XY mouse appear.



In this screen, you can determine the appearance and movement of the XY mouse.

Make the bars easier to see by increasing the *Bar width*.

To change the size of the circle that moves across the horizontal sweep line, change the *Sight-view Radius* number. The larger the number, the larger the circle.

Set the *Bar color* to one that you can easily see.

Speed up or slow down the bars by changing either the *Vertical speed*, the *Horizontal speed*, or both.

Warning: if you choose settings that are too high (i.e. too fast) you may not be able to control the mouse pointer effectively. Should that happen, hold the *Ctrl* key on your keyboard and press *F1* to return to the standard mouse, then change the directional mouse speed settings to have it move slower.

Pointer follows sight lets the XY mouse hold open a menu on a web site, allowing the user to click an option under the menu.

3. Click the XY mouse icon in the left side of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

"Start XY mouse"



You can use this and other mouse replacements in the Settings screen or on web pages.

4. To start the XY mouse moving down the screen, click your mouse.

5. To stop the downward movement and start the XY mouse moving from left to right, click your mouse again.

6. Once the red circle reaches the spot you want to click, click your mouse.
7. To return to the standard mouse, click the Start Standart Mouse icon in the left side of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

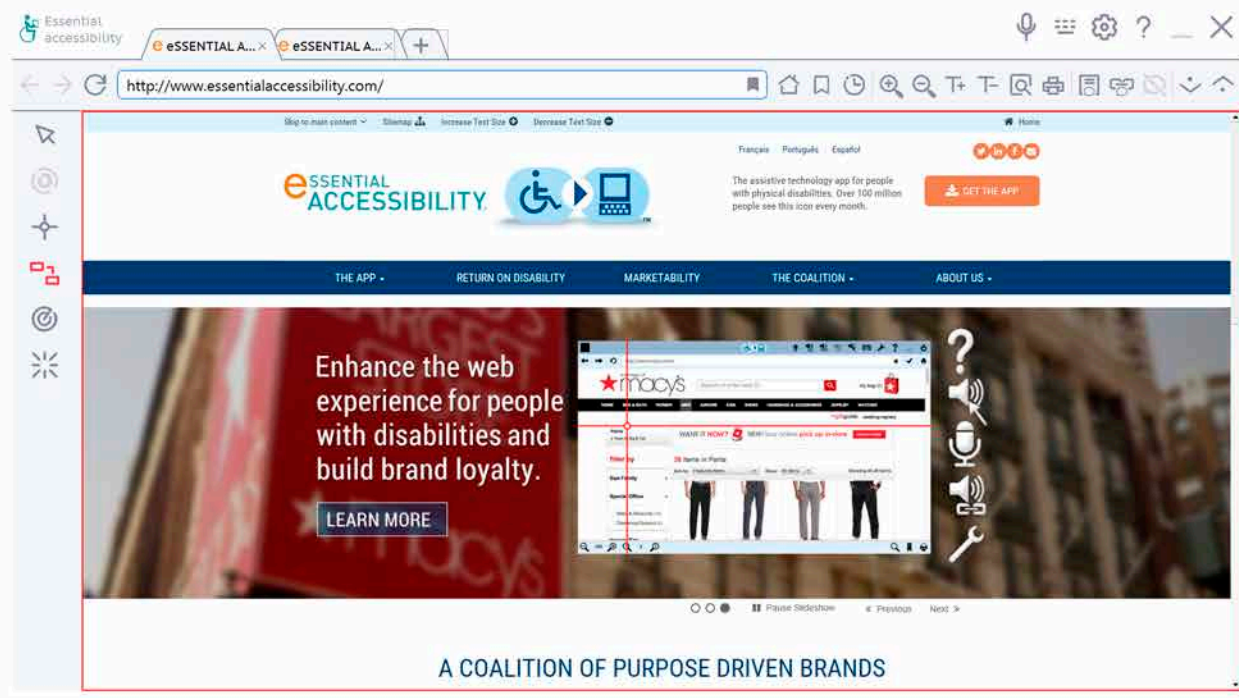
“Stop mouse”



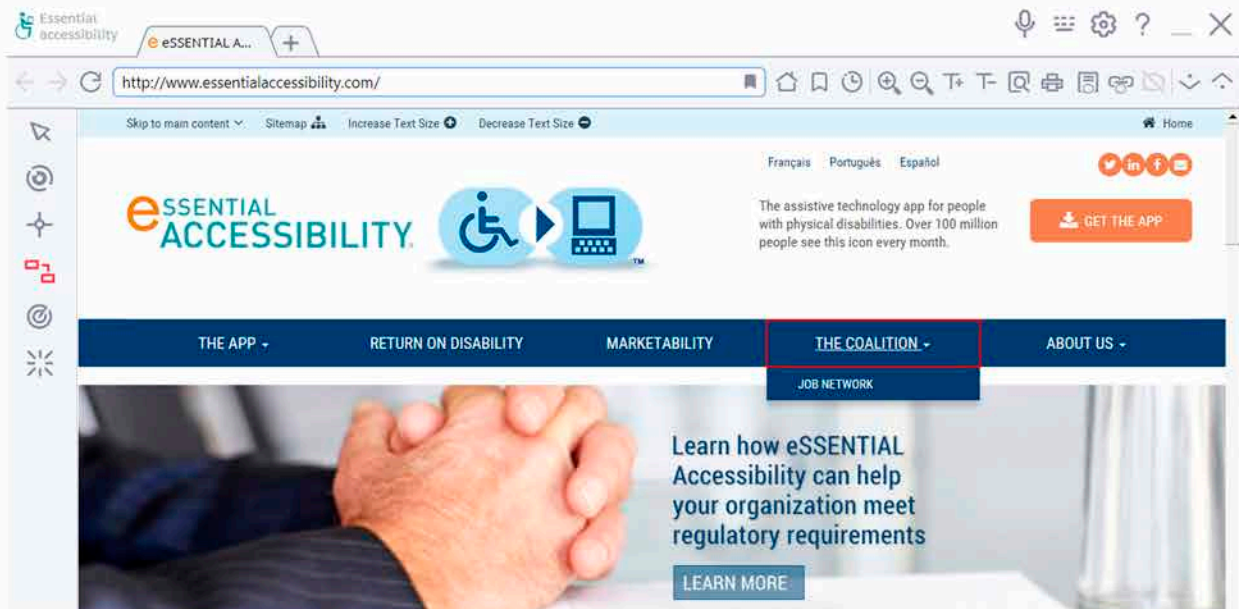
You can also hold down the *Ctrl* key and press *F1* to return to the standard mouse.

SCANNING MOUSE

Web pages contain a number of distinct objects, things like fields, frames and links. eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ can highlight each one of these objects, moving from one to the next automatically. It can also allow you to control when the “highlight” moves from one object to the next. Once the object you want is highlighted, click your mouse. In this example, the user wants to click the The coalition link. First, the user has to right-click until the web page, which contains the The coalition link, is contained by a red border. See the image below for an example.



At this point, the user left-clicks once to make the mouse scan clickable objects in the web page. Then the user right-clicks the mouse until the The coalition link is contained by a red border, as it is in the image below. To activate it, the user left-clicks the mouse.



To use the scanning mouse, follow these steps.

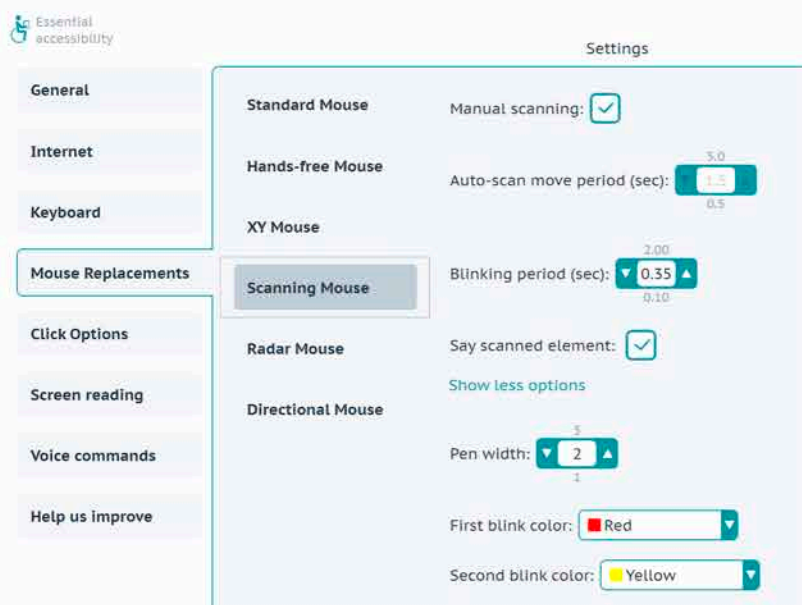
1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears

2. In the Settings screen, click *Mouse Replacements* in the list on the left side of the screen, then *Scanning Mouse*.

Settings for the scanning mouse appear.



In this screen, you can determine the appearance and movement of the scanning mouse.

If you do not choose *Manual Scanning*, set the *Auto-scan move period (sec)* to determine how many seconds the scanning mouse stays on one object before moving to the next.

If you choose Manual Scanning, the Auto-scan move period (sec) setting is not available, since it does not apply.

You can make the scanning mouse blink more frequently by lowering the *Blinking period (sec)* number.

If you want the computer to audibly speak the text for the link, select the *Say scanned element* check box.

To change the width of the lines that comprise the “link container” change the Pen *width* number.

To change the color of the “container field” first blink, change the *First blink* color setting.

To change the color of the “container field” second blink, change the *Second blink* color setting.

3. Click the Scanning mouse icon in the left edge of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

"Start scanning mouse"



You can use this and other mouse replacements in the Settings screen or on web pages.

4. To start the scanning mouse moving to major areas of the screen, right-click your mouse. The scanning mouse jumps quickly between the following major areas of the browser:

- top toolbar
- address bar
- tab bar
- web page
- left toolbar

5. Once the major area of the screen you want to interact with is highlighted, left-click your mouse.

The highlight jumps to the first clickable object in that area.

6. Right-click your mouse to move from link to link.

7. Once the highlight reaches the link you want to click, left-click your mouse.

8. To return to the standard mouse, click the Start Standart Mouse icon in the top left corner of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

"Stop mouse"



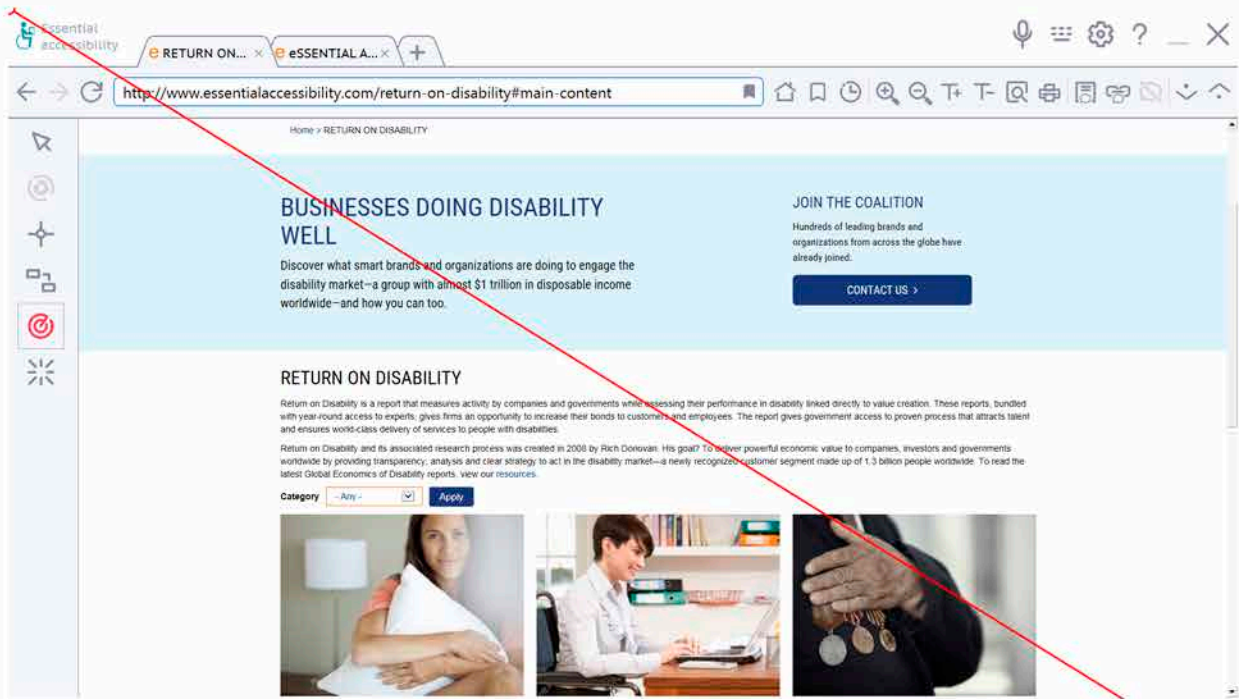
You can also hold down the *Ctrl* key and press *F1* to return to the standard mouse.

(When you use an alternative to the standard mouse, eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ replaces the icons in the top left corner of the window with the Stop Mouse icon.)

RADAR MOUSE

This mouse alternative “sweeps” the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window much like the line on an airport radar screen.

Airport radar displays typically “anchor” their lines in the center of the screen. eSSENTIAL Accessibility™’s radar mouse offers that option, as well as that of anchoring the line at the top left corner of the screen, as shown here



To use the radar mouse, follow these steps.

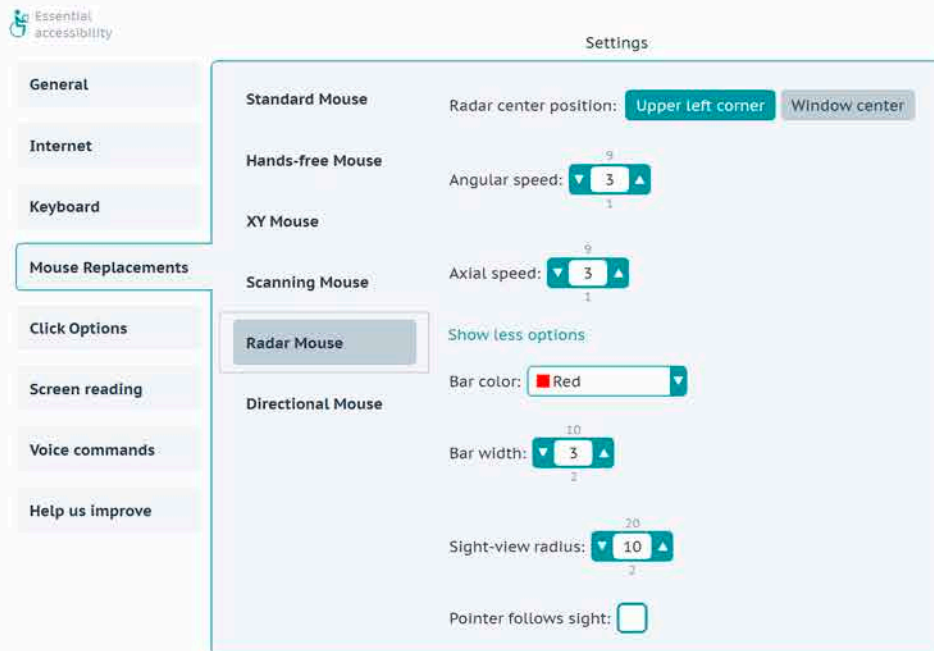
1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears.

2. In the Settings screen, click *Mouse Replacements* in the list on the left side of the screen, then *Radar Mouse*.

Settings for the radar mouse appear.



In this screen, you can determine the appearance and movement of the radar mouse.

If the mouse anchor is in the top left corner of the eSSential Accessibility™ window, you can make it move slower or faster using the *Angular speed* setting.

If the mouse anchor is in the center of the eSSential Accessibility™ window, you can make it move slower or faster using the Axial speed setting.

Warning: if you choose settings that are too high (i.e. too fast) you may not be able to control the mouse pointer effectively. Should that happen, hold the *Ctrl* key on your keyboard and press F1 to return to the standard mouse, then choose lower radar mouse speed settings.

To make the “sweep line” more visible, increase the number for the Bar width.

To change the size of the circle that moves along the radar sweep line, change the *Sight-view Radius* number. The larger the number, the larger the circle.

To change the “sweep line” to a different color, changes the Bar color.

Pointer follows sight lets the XY mouse hold open a menu on a web site, allowing the user to click an option under the menu.

Radar centre position, determines whether the “radar” does:

- a full turn to cover the page, starting from the centre of the screen
- a quarter-turn to cover the page, starting from the top left corner of the screen.

3. Click the Radar mouse icon in the left side of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

"Start radar mouse"



You can use this and other mouse replacements in the Settings screen or on web pages. The radar mouse starts sweeping the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

4. Once the radar line crosses the object that you want to click, click the left mouse button. A small circle moves along the radar sweep line towards the object you want to click.

5. Once the circle reaches that object, click the left mouse button again. The object is clicked and the radar mouse sweep line continues to move.

6. To return to the standard mouse, click the Start Standart Mouse icon in the left side of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

"Stop mouse"

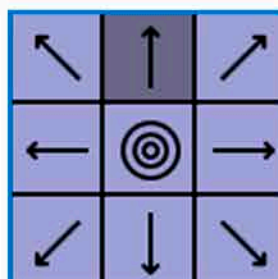


You can also hold down the *Ctrl* key and press *F1* to return to the standard mouse.

DIRECTIONAL MOUSE

Using the directional mouse, you can move the mouse in one of eight directions and click it, all using only the left click button on your mouse.

When you choose the directional mouse, this graphic appears in the bottom right corner of the page.



eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ moves through the eight directions, represented by the arrows, and the centre "bullseye" click graphic, in sequence. If you click, for instance, when the top centre arrow is highlighted, the mouse pointer moves up until you click again. eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ then highlights the other arrows and the bullseye, in sequence, until you click one of them to either move the mouse pointer or click what's under the pointer.

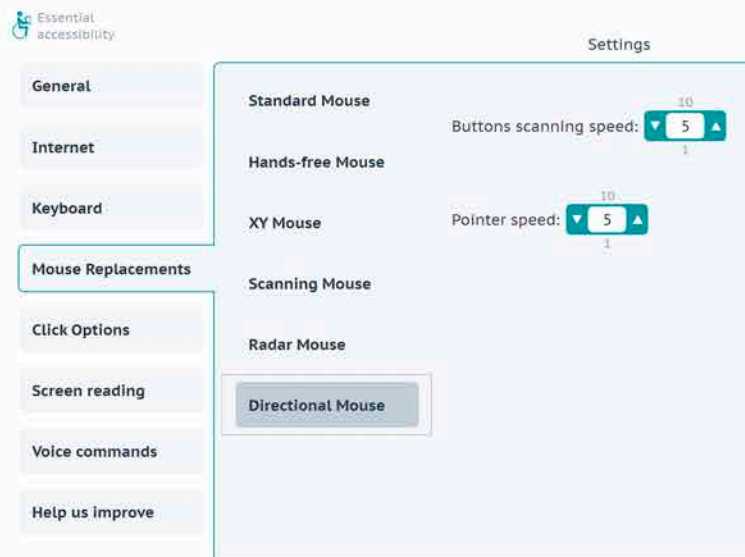
To use the directional mouse, follow these steps.

1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears.

2. In the Settings screen, click *Mouse Replacements* in the list on the left side of the screen, then *Directional Mouse*.
Settings for the directional mouse appear.



To switch more quickly (or slowly) between the nine directional mouse choices, increase (or decrease) the *Buttons scanning speed number*.

To make the mouse pointer move more quickly (or slowly) across the screen, increase (or decrease) the *Pointer speed number*.

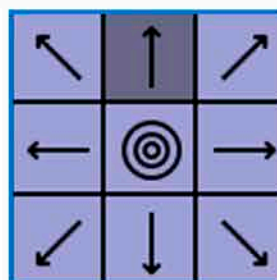
Warning: if you choose settings that are too high (i.e. too fast) you may not be able to control the mouse pointer effectively. Should that happen, hold the *Ctrl* key on your keyboard and press *F1* to return to the standard mouse, then change the directional mouse settings to slower speeds.

3. Click the Directional mouse icon in the left side of the eSSential Accessibility™ window.

"Start directional mouse"



You can use this and other mouse replacements in the Settings screen or on web pages. The directional mouse “eight-arrow” icon appears on screen.



4. To return to the standard mouse, click the Start Standard Mouse icon in the left side of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

“Stop mouse”



You can also hold down the *Ctrl* key and press *F1* to return to the standard mouse.

STANDARD MOUSE

You can have your mouse behave as it ordinarily does in other software using the standard mouse.

To use the standard mouse, follow these steps.

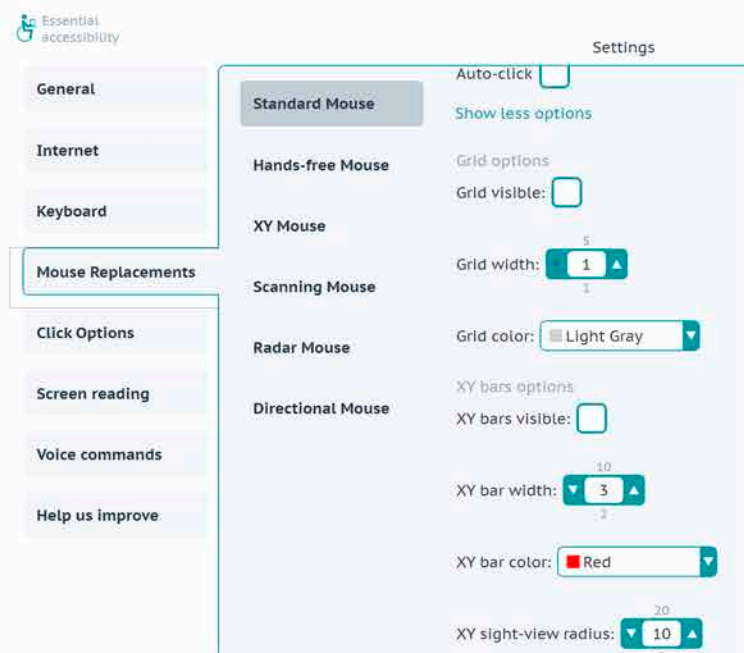
1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears.

2. In the Settings screen, click *Mouse Replacements* in the list on the left side of the screen, then *Standard Mouse*.

Settings for the standard mouse appear.



In this screen, you can choose between two *Auto-click* options: to physically click the mouse (uncheck the Auto-Click check box) or to have eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ click the mouse for you once you hover over a link (check the Auto-Click check box).

In this screen, you can also determine the appearance of the XY bars and appearance of the Grid.

To show XY bars check *XY bars visible* check box

Make the bars easier to see by increasing the *Bar width*.

To change the size of the circle that moves across the mouse pointer, change the *Sight-view Radius number*. The larger the number, the larger the circle.

Set the *Bar color* to one that you can easily see.

To grid check *Grid visible* check box

Make the grid easier to see by increasing the *Grid width*.

Set the *Grid color* to one that you can easily see.

Click options

Many of the mouse alternatives let users either:

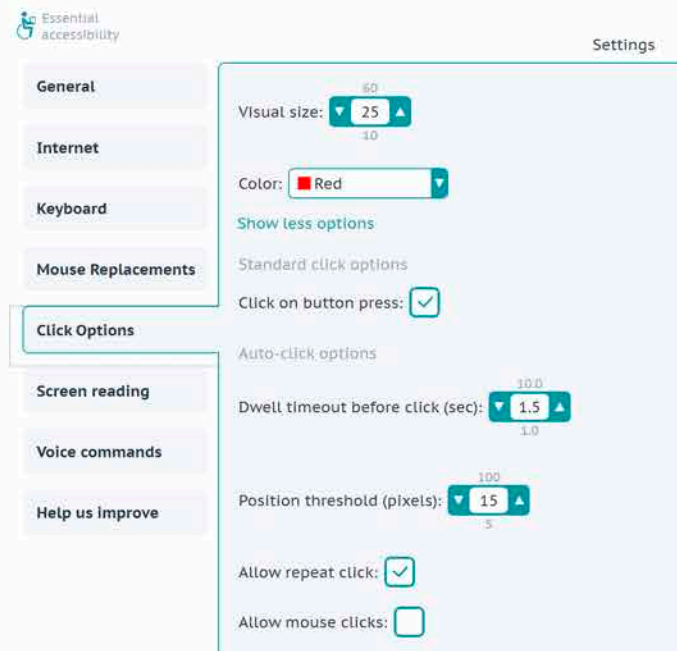
- physically click the mouse (Standard Click)
- have the mouse automatically click by hovering momentarily over a spot on the screen (Auto-Click)

To change the behaviour of either click, go to the eSSential Accessibility™ Settings screen by clicking this icon.



The Settings screen appears.

In the Settings screen, click Click Options in the list on the left side of the screen



If you want to prevent a mouse click when you physically click your mouse, deselect the *Click on button press* check box.

AutoClick is available for the Standard Mouse and the Hands-Free Mouse.

Use these settings to determine the behavior of AutoClick.

- Use *Dwell timeout before click (sec)* to set the length of time (in seconds) that you need to dwell over an area before a click occurs.
- You can allow the cursor to hover near a clickable object on-screen while not keeping it perfectly still. *The Position threshold (pixels)* is the number of pixels the mouse pointer can move without eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ considering it a movement. If, for example, you define 10 pixels as a position threshold, auto-click will perform a click if you stop within a square of 20 x 20 pixels (10 pixels around the object you want to click) during the dwell timeout.
- Enable a click in the exact same place as your previous click by selecting the *Allow repeat click* check box.

MAKING WEBSITES EASIER TO SEE

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ provides tools that can help you decipher text and images on a web page and how you interact with them.

Circling what you click

Each time you click your mouse on a web page, you can have eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ flash a circle at the precise spot where you click.

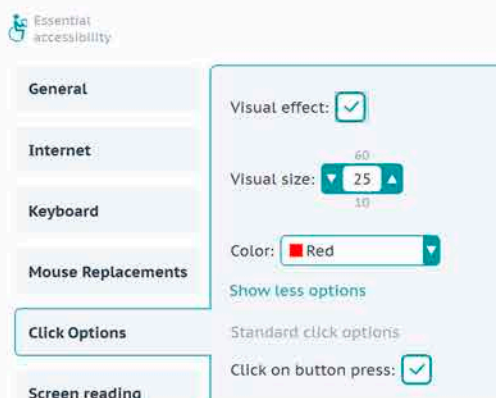
To engage this visual click effect, follow these steps.

1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears

2. In the Settings screen, click *Click Options* in the list on the left side of the screen, then the *Visual effect* check box.



In this screen, you can also adjust the *Visual size* of the “click circle” as well as its *Color*.

You can also use the Mouse Properties control panel in Windows to make the mouse pointer easier to see. For more information, refer to Windows help.

Changing text size

You can change the size of text on many web pages using the text size controls at the top of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

***"Increase font size" and
"Decrease font size"***



Using these controls does not affect the size of images. If you want to increase the size of everything on a web page, refer to Zooming (screen magnification) below.

This group of images consists of two icons.

- The "T-" decreases the size of the text.
- The "T+" increases the size of the text.

You can magnify the text on a web page up to four times its original size.

Zooming (screen magnification)

You can change the size of everything on a screen (text, images, videos and so forth) by using the screen magnification icons in the top of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

***"Zoom in" "Zoom level"
"Zoom out"***



To increase the size of text and leave everything else at its original size, refer to Changing text size on *page 29*.

This group of images consists of two icons.

- The "-" magnifying glass everything on the page smaller.
- The "+" magnifying makes everything on the page larger.

HEARING WEB PAGE TEXT READ ALOUD

You can have eSSential Accessibility™ read aloud the text on a web page. It can read aloud any text, button captions, website texts, links, tags, and other elements that contain text that isn't embedded in graphics.

Turning on text-to-speech

Before you use the text-to-speech feature, ensure:

- your computer is equipped with speakers.
- the speakers are on.
- speaker volume is at an adequate level.

The quality of the voice you hear depends on the quality of your computer's audio components.

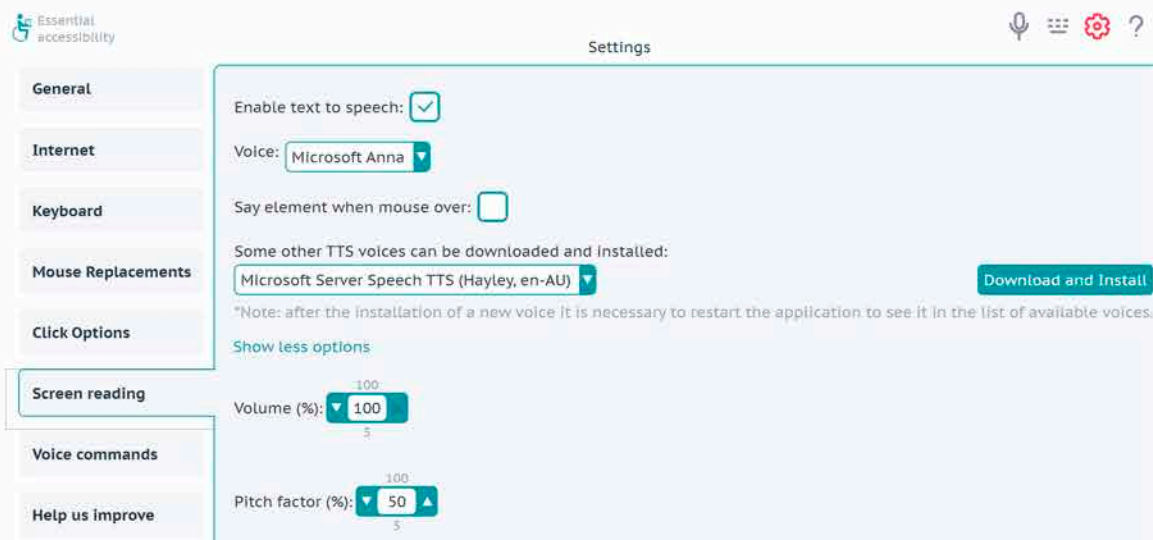
To use text-to-speech, follow these steps.

1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears

2. In the Settings screen, click Screen Reading in the list on the left side of the screen, and finally, the Enable text to speech check box.



Note: When you select this text box, a series of icons appears at the top of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window. Deselecting the text box makes these icons disappear.



In this screen, you can also set:

- the type of Voice you want to hear
- the default Volume (%) of that voice. Your computer may include volume controls on the keyboard and on the speakers that you can also adjust.
- the Pitch factor (%) (i.e. speed) at which that voice is spoken.
- Whether eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ says the names of elements (things on a web page that respond to mouse clicks) on web pages when you move a mouse pointer over them by selecting the Say element when mouse over check box.

Hearing all web page text read aloud

To hear all text on a web page read aloud, click the Read Page icon.

"Read page" or "Read all"



eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ reads until the end of the page or until you click the Stop Reading icon.

"Stop reading"



If there is no text on a page (or no text that isn't embedded in a graphic), eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ tells you.

Hearing all web page links read aloud

To hear all links on a web page read aloud, click the Read Links icon.

"Read links"



eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ reads until the end of the page or until you click the Stop Reading icon.



If there are no links on a page, eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ tells you.

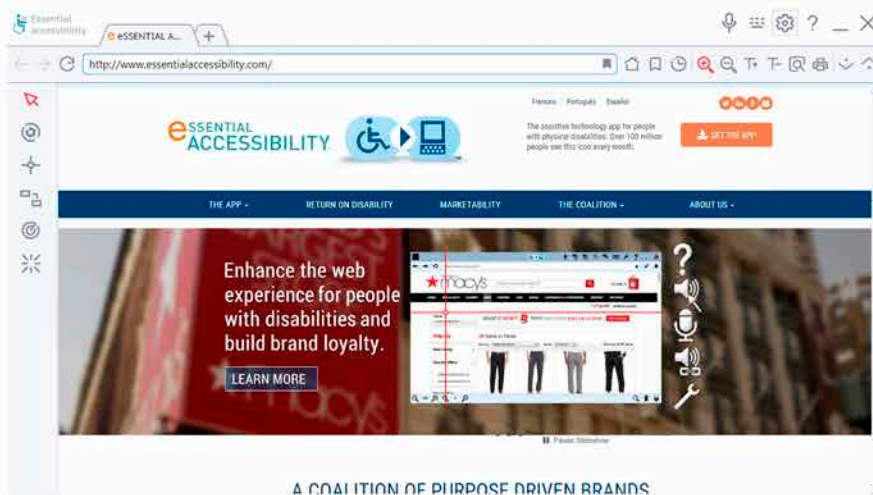
CONVENIENCE FEATURES

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ offers a number of features common to all web browsers.

Address bar

You can type the uniform resource locator (url), more commonly known as a website's address, in the address bar. You can find the address bar near the top of the window, immediately below the toolbar.

In the following image, the address bar reads <http://www.essentialaccessibility.com/>



Browsing backwards and forwards

You can visit several web pages before you realize you want to return to a page that you had visited earlier. To return to that previously visited page, click the Browse backward arrow icon.

“Browse backward”



If you have only visited one page, this arrow is gray instead of black and clicking it won't cause anything to happen.

You can also move “forward” through the sequence of pages you have visited by clicking the Browse forward arrow icon.

“Browse forward”



If you haven’t yet browsed backward, this arrow is gray instead of black and clicking it won’t cause anything to happen.

Refresh page

The contents of certain web pages, like those displaying stock prices for example, change during the time you view them. You can have eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ request the latest version of a page by clicking the Refresh page icon.

“Refresh page”



BOOKMARKING A SITE

If you want to return to a site at a later time, you can bookmark it by clicking the Add to bookmarks icon.

“Add to bookmarks” or “Add to favorites” or “Insert into bookmarks” or “Insert into favorites”



Once you bookmark a website, the Add to bookmarks icon changes color.

To view the sites you have bookmarked, click the larger icon



at the top of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window. For more information, refer to Using bookmarks on page 38.

Go to home page

When you start eSSENTIAL Accessibility™, it opens a preset web page. This is the home page. To return to that home page at any time, click the Browse home icon.

“Browse home”



SETTING YOUR HOME PAGE

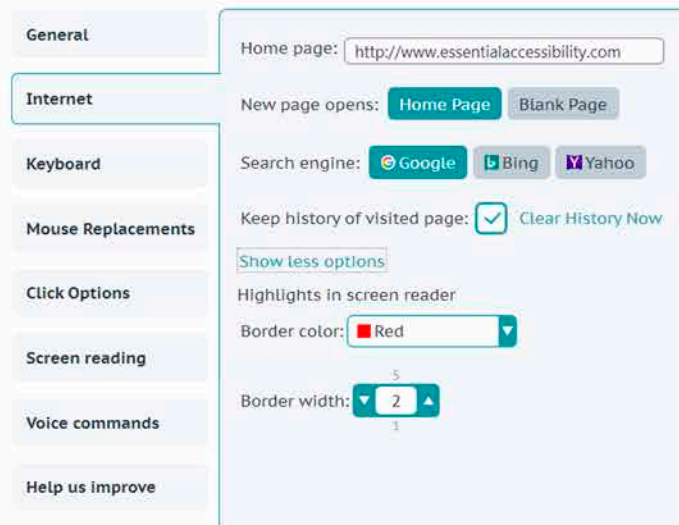
To set your home page, as well as other “basic” behaviors of eSSENTIAL Accessibility™, follow these steps.

1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears.

2. In the Settings screen, click *Internet* in the list on the left side of the screen, then click the Home page field.



In this image, the Home page field reads <http://www.essentialaccessibility.com>. You can replace this home page with one of your choosing (e.g. google.com).

Any time you open a new tab in eSSENTIAL Accessibility™, you can have it open either your Home Page or a Blank Page using the *New page opens* setting.

If you type the address of a web page you previously visited, eSSENTIAL Accessibility will autofill the address bar if you select the *Keep history of visited pages* check box. You can also erase this history by clicking the *Clear History Now* button.

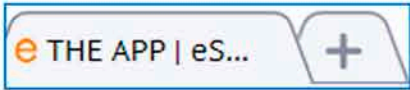
You can also determine the appearance highlights is screen reader. Set border color and border width.

Creating and navigating to pages (tabs)

You can open multiple pages in eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ at the same time. eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ assigns each page its own browser tab. You can find tabs below the address bar and above the web page. (*Note: in this manual, the terms “page” and “tab” are used interchangeably.*)

To open a new page, click the Add new page icon. In the following image, the Add new page icon is the shape with “+” inside to the right of the “The APP...” tab.

**"Add page" or "New page"
or "Add tab" or "New tab"**



A new page appears. It will display either your home page or a blank page, depending on the *New page opens* choice you made on page 37.

To view another open page, click the tab that represents that page. You can move in sequence or skip tabs, even clicking the very first or last tab on the tab row.

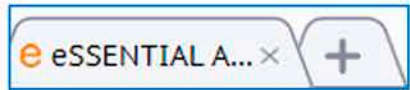
Other voice commands for switching tabs:

- "Select next page" or "Select next tab"
- "Select first page" or "Select first tab"
- "Select last page" or "Select last tab"

**"Select previous page"
or "Select previous tab"**

To close a page, click the “x” that appears in the top right corner of that page’s tab. This “x” only appears when two or more tabs are open in eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ .

**"Close page" or
"Close tab"**



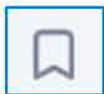
Using bookmarks

As you browse websites, you may bookmark them if you want to return to them later. (For instructions on bookmarking websites, refer to *Bookmarking a site on page 35.*)

To return to your bookmarked websites, follow these steps.

1. In the top of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window, click the Open bookmarks icon.

**"Open bookmarks" or "Open favorites" or
"Show bookmarks" or "Show favorites"**



The Favorites list appears on the left side of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

2. To go to a website, click the site name in your Favorites list.
3. To close the Favorites list, click the “x” in the bottom right corner of the list.

**"Close bookmarks" or "Close favorites" or
"Hide bookmarks" or "Hide favorites"**

ORGANIZING BOOKMARKS

You can change how your bookmarks appear in your Favorites list using the icons below the list.



To move a bookmark up or down in the list, click the bookmark, then click the *Move bookmark down* or *Move bookmark up* arrows.



To delete a bookmark from the list, click the *Delete bookmark* icon.



To edit a bookmark's folder, entry name or address, click the *Edit bookmark* icon.



Printing web pages

To print web pages, click the Print Page icon in the top of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

"Print page"



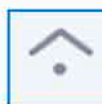
Once you click the icon, the Windows Print Preview application takes over. In Print Preview, you can print the page, review it and adjust print settings. For more information, refer to Windows help.

Scrolling web pages

To scroll web pages, click the Scroll Down icon



or Scroll Up icon



in the top of the eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ window.

Updating eSSENTIAL Accessibility™

From time to time, eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ may be updated to include new features or bug fixes. If eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ detects an update while you use it, a message appears. You will be asked to update eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ each time you start the program.

Updating eSSENTIAL Accessibility™

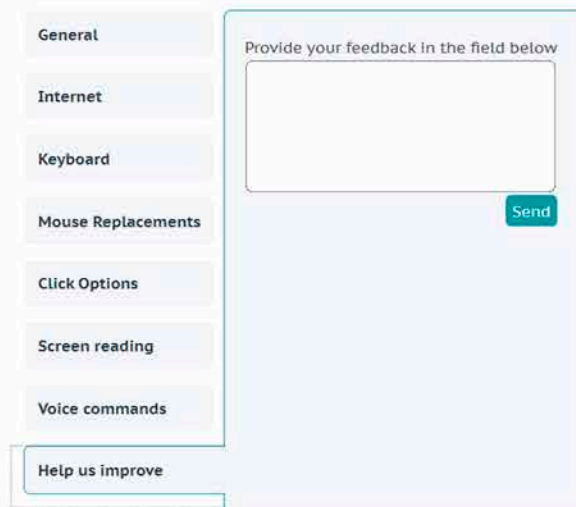
You can also provide your feedback to us. It will help us to improve the application. To do so, follow these steps.

1. Click the Settings icon.



The Settings screen appears.

2. In the Settings screen, click Help us improve in the list on the left side of the screen, then type and send your feedback in the text field




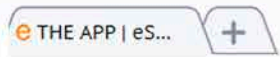







APPENDICES



















These features are explained throughout this manual. To quickly find explanations of specific features, browse the lists included in these appendices.

- For a list of *icons*, see below.
- For a list of *settings* you can use to change how eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ performs, see Settings on page 46.
- For a list of *voice commands* you can use to control eSSENTIAL Accessibility™, see Voice commands on page 47

Icons

Not sure what our icons mean? Here's a list of them, along with their names and the pages where you can read more about them. If we mention an icon in more than one place, we'll cite the first instance in the manual.

| FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ICON... | ...SEE PAGE | |
|---|------------------------------------|----|
|  | Add to bookmarks Open bookmarks | 28 |
|  | Add new page | 30 |
|  | Browse backward | 27 |
|  | Browse forward | 28 |
|  | Browse home | 28 |
|  | Changing font size | 24 |
|  | Delete bookmark | 30 |
|  | Edit bookmark | 30 |
|  | Exit application | 5 |

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----|
|  | Scrolling web page down and up | 31 |
|  | Help | 5 |
|  | Move bookmark down/up | 30 |
|  | Open virtual keyboard | 8 |
|  | Print page | 31 |
|  | Read links | 26 |
|  | Read page | 26 |
|  | Refresh page | 28 |
|  | Settings | 4 |
|  | Directional mouse | 8 |
|  | Radar mouse | 8 |
|  | Scanning mouse | 8 |
|  | Hands-free mouse | 8 |
|  | Standart mouse | 8 |
|  | Stop reading | 26 |
|  | XY Mouse | 8 |
|  | Voice commands | 7 |
|  | Zooming (screen magnification) | 24 |

Settings

eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ lets you configure it in a variety of ways. Here's a list of the settings you can reach using the Settings icon.



| FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SETTINGS DIALOG... | ...SEE PAGE |
|--|--------------------|
| General | 4 |
| Internet | 28 |
| Keyboard | 6 |
| Directional Mouse | 18 |
| Hands-free Mouse | 9 |
| XY Mouse | 11 |
| Radar Mouse | 17 |
| Scanning Mouse | 13 |
| Standard Mouse | 20 |
| Screen reading | 25 |
| Voice Commands | 7 |

Voice commands

Much of what you do with eSSENTIAL Accessibility™ can be done using specific voice commands.

To find out more about the process each voice command replaces, refer to this list.

| FOR INFORMATION ON THIS VOICE COMMAND... | ...SEE PAGE |
|---|--------------------|
| MOUSE ALTERNATIVES | |
| <i>"Click"</i> | 10 |
| <i>"Start XY mouse"</i> | 12 |
| <i>"Start scanning mouse"</i> | 15 |
| <i>"Start radar mouse"</i> | 18 |
| <i>"Start hands-free mouse"</i> | 10 |
| <i>"Start directional mouse"</i> | 19 |
| <i>"Stop mouse"</i> | 10 |
| ON-SCREEN KEYBOARD | |
| <i>"Open Keyboard" or "Show Keyboard"</i> | 8 |
| <i>"Close Keyboard" or "Hide Keyboard"</i> | 8 |
| TEXT TO SPEECH | |
| <i>"Read page" or "Read all"</i> | 26 |
| <i>"Read links"</i> | 26 |

| | |
|---|----|
| <i>"Stop Reading"</i> | 26 |
| SETTINGS | |
| <i>"Open Settings" or "Open Options" or "Show Option" or "Show Settings"</i> | 6 |
| <i>"Close Settings" or "Close Options" or "Hide Options" or "Hide Settings"</i> | 6 |
| GENERAL BROWSING COMMANDS | |
| <i>"Exit"</i> | 5 |
| <i>"Click" (performs a mouse click)</i> | 10 |
| <i>"Zoom in"</i> | 24 |
| <i>"Zoom level"</i> | 24 |
| <i>"Zoom out"</i> | 24 |
| <i>"Increase font size"</i> | 24 |
| <i>"Decrease font size"</i> | 24 |
| <i>"Open bookmarks" or "Open favorites" or "Show bookmarks" or "Show favorites"</i> | 30 |
| <i>"Close bookmarks" or "Close favorites" or "Hide bookmarks" or "Hide favorites"</i> | 30 |
| <i>"Add to bookmarks" or "Add to favorites" or "Insert into bookmarks" or "Insert into favorites"</i> | 28 |
| <i>"Browse backward"</i> | 27 |
| <i>"Browse forward"</i> | 28 |
| <i>"Browse Home"</i> | 28 |

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|---|----|
| <i>"Refresh page"</i> | 28 |
| <i>"Print page"</i> | 31 |
| <i>"Add page" or "New page" or "Add tab" or "New tab"</i> | 30 |
| <i>"Close page" or "Close tab"</i> | 30 |
| <i>"Select previous page" or "Select previous tab"</i> | 30 |
| <i>"Select next page" or "Select next tab"</i> | 30 |
| <i>"Select first page" or "Select first tab"</i> | 30 |
| <i>"Select last page" or "Select last tab"</i> | 30 |