



JAWS Bytes E-Update 9

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Quantum Technology welcomes you to the 9th edition of our JAWS Bytes e-update! If you would like to subscribe to JAWS Bytes please email your full name and details to info@quantumtechnology.com.au. Alternatively you can contact us by phone. See the end of this news letter for our contact details.

Please feel free to pass this e-update on to anyone who may be interested. In this edition we have:

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Jaws 9.0 is here

The next major release of the world's most popular screen reader has arrived. Version 9.0 offers major improvements in speed and functionality especially for Windows Vista and Office 2007 users. Some of the changes and new features are:

- substantially improved JAWS Startup Wizard
- HTML Formatting Retained when Selecting, Copying, and Pasting
- Newly Designed Adjust JAWS Options Dialog Box
- major improvements to the Outlook 2007 and Outlook 2003 Calendar
- Windows Mobile Device Centre Support [Windows Vista]
- Better Performance with Microsoft Word
- Gmail Support Improvements
- New Basic Training for JAWS 9.0

For a full list of new features and improvements go to www.freedomscientific.com/fs_products/JAWS_HQ.asp

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Jaws 9.0 is a paid upgrade. Jaws 8 users who still have at least 1 SMA [Software Maintenance Agreement] remaining will automatically receive the upgrade to Jaws 9. You don't have to wait for your CD to arrive in the mail. You can download the upgrade directly from www.freedomscientific.com/fs_products/JAWS_HQ.asp and get started with it right away.

Software Maintenance Agreement [SMA]

A Software Maintenance Agreement [SMA] is a way of keeping up to date with the latest Jaws release and at the same time saving money. If you upgrade to the latest version or purchase a new Jaws license, for the price of a single upgrade you will receive the next 2 paid updates automatically. You can also purchase an SMA on it's own for a slightly higher price.

Please remember that you must either have or be prepared to upgrade to the latest version of Jaws to purchase an SMA. You can't get one if you have an earlier version.

For details on pricing please contact Quantum Technology by phone or email.

Free Memory Stick Giveaway

Quantum Technology is giving the first ten people who either purchase a new Jaws license or an upgrade to JAWS 9.0 before the end of December 2007, a free USB Memory Stick! To take advantage of this special offer contact your local Quantum Technology office.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does it seem like JAWS no longer shows all the links that were previously displayed when I go to frequently visited Web sites?

On Web pages you frequently visit, it appears that JAWS no longer shows all of the links that were previously displayed with earlier versions of JAWS. You notice a difference due to the evolution of the Internet, as well as Web applications. Web designers are using an event called "OnMouseOver." This allows the designers to group specific links into a category such as:

Support
Contact us
Sales
Product Information

And when the mouse is hovered over this link, it will visually display a list of additional links, thus creating a more efficient and less convoluted Web page.

Freedom Scientific has taken JAWS to a new level by utilizing this new Internet method with changes that began with JAWS version 8.0. In addition, a new keystroke, CTRL+JAWS Key+ENTER, is available, which will activate the OnMouseOver link as if a sighted person were hovering the mouse over the link. Once the keystroke is

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pressed, JAWS will announce that the page has changed in some fashion by displaying additional information, and it will state the line the new information is on. At this point, the JAWS user can use the Navigation Quick Key 'J', to open the Jump To dialog box, then type the line number where JAWS indicates the new information's location, and then press ENTER to move to that point. Once at this point, the user can use the UP and DOWN ARROW keys to review the additional information, and press ENTER on the desired option, or if an option is not desired, the user can press the Navigation Quick Key SHIFT+J to move back to the starting point.

For more information about the OnMouseOver event, use the following link to visit the Freedom Scientific Surf's Up Web page, which provides an example page to practice with, in addition to much more information.

www.freedomscientific.com/fs_products/Surfs_Up/OnMouseOver.htm

What can I do if typing echo and navigation in Windows Vista seems sluggish?

On some Windows Vista computers that have the Sigma Tel Audio Codec, JAWS is sluggish when you type or use the ARROW keys to navigate through a document or dialog box. In addition, there can be a delayed response when selecting the PC Cursor (NUM PAD PLUS) or the JAWS Cursor (NUM PAD MINUS). When Vista was developed, Microsoft rewrote the entire audio stack. Now, you need a driver that is capable of making the necessary calls to the API or you will get latency in your audio.

If you have a Dell Dimension or Dell Inspiron computer with a Sigma Tel sound card that exhibits this problem, use the following links to download the appropriate driver:

Dell Dimension Audio Driver

<ftp://ftp.us.dell.com/audio/R157052.EXE>

Dell Inspiron Audio Driver

<ftp://ftp.us.dell.com/audio/R157031.EXE>

If you have a different computer, please contact your vendor to inquire about an updated driver. An updated audio driver will not only improve JAWS performance, but will improve overall audio performance as well.

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