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Reading a Web Page with VoiceOver

To read a web page with VoiceOver:

1. Open Safari, the web browser that ships with Mac OS X. A quick way to do this while VoiceOver is running is to use the keyboard shortcut Control, Option, D to move the VoiceOver cursor to the Dock, then use the arrow keys on your keyboard to select Safari and press the Space Bar to open the application.

2. When Safari opens, VoiceOver may start reading the HTML content on your web browser's home page. To pause VoiceOver, press the Control key on your keyboard.
3. Press Control, Option, Shift, Up Arrow to stop interacting with the HTML content.
4. Move the VoiceOver cursor to the Toolbar by pressing Control, Option, Up Arrow a few times until VoiceOver announces it is on the Toolbar.

5. Interact with the Toolbar by pressing Control, Option, Shift, Down Arrow, then move the cursor to the Address Bar by pressing Control, Option, Right Arrow a few times until VoiceOver announces the address of the current page.

6. Type the address of the desired page and press Return. When Safari opens the web page, VoiceOver will start reading its contents. For more control, you may want to press the Control key on your keyboard to pause VoiceOver, then use the VoiceOver navigation shortcuts, Control, Option, and the Left and Right Arrow keys, to navigate the web page one item (image, link, form control, and so on) at a time.

7. To follow a link, press Control, Option, Space Bar while the VoiceOver cursor is on the link. To go back to the previous page, press Command and the Left Bracket key.

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