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Basics of Using NVDA for Windows

NVDA (Non Visual Desktop Access) is a free, open source screen reader for Windows. This tutorial covers how to get started using NVDA on your Windows computer.

To get started with NVDA:

1. Choose Start, All Programs, NVDA, NVDA. You will hear a tone to let you know NVDA is running in the background.
2. To hear what is on the screen, start moving the mouse around. NVDA will read what is under the cursor as you move the mouse.
3. To pause NVDA, press the Control key on your keyboard. Pressing the Control key again will resume NVDA.
4. Most NVDA commands require you to press the Insert key on your keyboard. A few useful commands are as follows:
   --to hear the title of the current window, press Insert,T.
   --to have NVDA read the contents of the current window, press Insert, B.
   --To quit NVDA, press Insert, Q.

To launch the program using a keyboard shortcut, press Control, Alt, N.

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