Dave’s Accessible Tech (AT) Hour for November, 2023

As a reminder, this time is devoted to get you comfortable with the basics to the point you can easily find the help needed for more advanced training. I will throw u into the swimming pool and you will have to swim!

I want to stress that this training be done as a totally blind person. While you can function with low vision accommodation measures, it will be much more efficient and far less time consuming than reading a paragraph one magnified word at a time!

iPhone

Make Voice Over your best friend

Set up Hey Siri

Explore the Tips app

Review finger gestures

Explore the Rotor function

Enable dictation

Text replacement time saver

Must have apps: Be My Eyes, Seeing AI, Maps, AIRA Explorer, Stay up to date with: BARD mobile, NFB Newsline, Bookshare

Phone usage

Use WIFI calling; not your cell data plan

Screen calls to reduce spam

Enable Full Screen in Phone settings to use full keyboard access

Use Facetime audio for clearest connection to other iPhones

Face ID, Touch ID, Passcode, do not lock yourself out!

Use Screen Curtain to shield prying eyes

Find my …because I lose stuff

Manage iPhone storage on phone; root out storage ”hogs”!

Training Resources

Apple.com/support

Apple disability phone help: 1 877 204 3930

Explore Be My Eyes specialized support; Google, Micro Soft, Linked IN and more

AIRA Explorer; highly trained agents; normally fee based but free service is available when in certain stores, airports, coffee shops

Other ways to get help

Applevis.com and blind abilities.com feature podcasts as well as websites that have links to additional information on iPhone (IOS)

JAWS (Job Access with Speech) Screen Reader

What to do if JAWS does not speak, press the Windows/search key and type JAWS and then enter.

Freedom Scientific makes JAWS screen reading software and they have an extensive library of webinars on the freedomscientific.com website. JAWS context menu will have a link directly to these webinars as well as training topics in the Help tab.

JAWS/MS OFFICE common keystrokes

Use desktop or search key to find and open apps

Move between open windows use alt and tab

Close a window alt and F4

JAWS speaking rate control plus windows plus alt, page up or down to adjust speed

Silence JAWS with control

Check window title with insert plus t

Volume adjustment

For JAWS, insert plus space then v then j to adjust JAWS volume

For system volume, insert plus space plus v then s

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