Free Programs for Blind

NVDA

NVDA is a free screen reader for PC that features great compatibility and ease-of-use, as well as some advanced functionality such as built in OCR. You can download NVDA for free from https://nvaccess.org

OCR Convert

While NVDA can do OCR, it will only convert what is currently seen on the screen. If you need to do OCR on a multi-page document, you can use the online program OCR Convert. With this program you are able to upload inaccessible files such as image PDFs and have the text extracted into a .txt file. The service is free but limited in features. You can try OCR Convert at https://www.ocrconvert.com/

Typer Online

If you need a good way to learn the keyboard and become a good touch typist, then Type Online from APH might be the thing for you. You can use Typer Online with your screen reader, or use Microsoft's built in TTS voice within Typer Online. Note, however, that even if you use the built-in voice, it will only read the lesson instructions and not help you navigate between lessons. As such, you really need either to use a screen reader or have sighted assistance if you can't see the screen. You can find Typer Online at https://typer.aphtech.org/

Mail & Calendar

All built into Windows 10, these apps give you some useful organizational and communication tools without having to shell out additional money. Mail works as a decent substitute for Outlook, offering a free Mail client that is easy to use and (for the most part) works well. Calendar is part of Mail, just as it is in Outlook, and offers an easy interface for creating calendar appointments.

QRead Accessible Book Reader

QRead is an innovative and powerful eText reader for the Windows platform. Perfect for students, professionals, and casual readers alike, QRead provides access to a wide

range of e-book formats with support for bookmarking, searching, and more all in a convenient and intuitive tabbed interface. Check it out at https://q-continuum.net/qread/

QCast Accessible Podcasts

QCast gives you an accessible and intuitive interface to listen to your favorite podcasts. No more wrestling with the program just so you can listen to a new episode. It will never lose your place, and should you desire, you can speed your podcasts up for more enjoyable listening. Interested? You can try it for free right now! https://q-continuum.net/qcast/

Chicken Nuggest Accessible Twitter Client

Chicken Nugget is a fast and powerful Twitter Client for Windows. It works extremely well with screen readers, and makes all aspects of Twitter accessible to the blind. Try Chicken Nugget now for free! https://q-continuum.net/chicken_nugget/

TW Blue Accessible Twitter Client

TW Blue is an accessible Twitter client that allows full access to Twitter, allowing users to tweet, retweet, delete tweets, mark and unmrk favorite tweets, send and delete direct messages, see friends and followers and follow/unfollow people, report and block users, and more! You can find it at https://blindhelp.net/software/twblue