Quick Reference Guide: Narrator for Windows 10 Anniversary Update

Recommended browser: Microsoft Edge

Getting Started

Narrator Views: Narrator has several navigation settings, called views. View types include items (default), characters, words, lines, paragraphs, headings, links, tables, and landmarks. Change view type using Caps Lock + Up or Down Arrows.

Scan mode: Scan mode allows quick navigation of a web page or application and enables specific keystrokes to navigate by elements such as headings, links, and landmarks. It also includes keystrokes for table navigation. Activate scan mode using Caps lock + Space Bar.

Developer mode: Developer mode masks the screen, highlighting only the objects and text exposed programmatically to Narrator. This offers a visual representation of the accessibility of the information on the screen and what is exposed to Narrator through UIA.

The Basics

Task	Command
Turn Narrator on and off	Windows logo + Control + Enter (or Caps Lock + Escape to turn off)
Stop reading	Control
Start reading continuously from this point on	Caps Lock + M
Read from beginning of page	Caps Lock + Control + U
Read next item	Caps Lock + Right Arrow
Read current item	Caps Lock + D
Repeat last statement	Caps Lock + V
Activate link	Caps Lock + Enter
Activate button	Caps Lock + Enter
Go to next heading*	H
Go to next landmark/region*	D
Go to main content region	Caps Lock + N
Go to next table*	T
Navigate table cells	Control + Alt + Arrows
Go to next link*	K
Rotate between characters, words, lines, paragraphs, headings, links, tables, and landmarks	Caps Lock + Up or Down Arrows
Toggle Developer Mode	Caps Lock + Shift + F12
Read title and contents of window	Caps Lock + W
Suggestions: text suggestions as you type. Appears in the Views rotation when in an edit box.	Caps Lock + Enter
Go to previous heading, landmark, table, focusable item, etc.	Shift + [*Command*]

Reading Text

Task	Command
Say prior line	Caps Lock + Shift + O
Say next line	Caps Lock + O
Say current line	Caps Lock + Control + O
Go to start of document	Caps Lock + Y
Go to end of document	Caps Lock + B
Say prior character	Caps Lock + Shift + [(Left Bracket)
Say next character	Caps Lock + [(Left Bracket)
Say current character	Caps Lock + Control + [(Left Bracket)
Say prior word	Caps Lock + Shift + P
Say next word	Caps Lock + P
Say current word	Caps Lock + Control + P
Next paragraph	Caps Lock + I
Previous paragraph	Caps Lock + Shift + I
Current paragraph	Caps Lock + Control + I
Spell item	Caps Lock + S

Scan Mode

Task	Command
Toggle Scan Mode	Caps Lock + Space Bar
Activate an item	Space Bar
Perform secondary action	Enter
Next or previous line	Control + Down or Up Arrow
Next or previous character	Right Arrow or Left Arrow
Next or previous word	Control + Right or Left Arrow
Next (previous) paragraph or control	P (Shift + P) or Down Arrow (Up Arrow)
Next heading	H
Next table	T
Next link	K
Next landmark	D
Next cell in row	Control + Alt + Right Arrow
Next cell in column	Control + Alt + Down Arrow
Announce location in table	Caps Lock + F5
Say column header	Caps Lock + F9
Say row header	Caps Lock + F10
Read current column	Caps Lock + F7
Read current row	Caps Lock + F8

Tables

Task	Command
Go to next table	Caps Lock + K
Cell to right*	Control + Alt + Right Arrow
Cell to left*	Control + Alt + Left Arrow
Cell below*	Control + Alt + Down Arrow
Cell above*	Control + Alt + Up Arrow
Read row header	Caps Lock + F10
Read current row	Caps Lock + F8
Read column header	Caps Lock + F9
Read current column	Caps Lock + F7

Touch Gestures

Task	Command
Read what's under your finger	Touch or drag a single finger
Activate primary action	Double tap
Activate secondary action	Triple tap
Quick double (or triple) tap	Hold with one finger, tap (or double tap) anywhere with another
Next or previous item	Flick left or right
Change view	Flick up or down
Stop reading	Two finger tap
Change verbosity	Three finger tap
Show commands for current item	Four finger tap
Show context menu	Two finger double tap
Read text attributes	Three finger double tap
Open search mode	Four finger double tap
Show all Narrator commands	Four finger triple tap
Scroll	Swipe with two fingers
Tab forward or backward	Three fingers swipe L or R
Read current window	Three fingers swipe up
Read from this point on	Swipe down with three fingers
Toggle semantic zoom	Four fingers swipe up or down
Move Narrator cursor to beginning or end	Four finger swipe left or right

*Scan mode only

Full list of commands: http://aka.ms/NarratorGetStarted