Accessible Technology Tools & Training

Free for Students

Access your Canvas files in a preferred format with Ally

The Ally tool within Canvas allows you to download alternative formats directly. For example, download PDF documents as audio files or Word documents as HTML web pages. Make your content easier to access on the go. Learn more and watch a demo at tlos.vt.edu/ally.

Make your reading more manageable with Read&Write

Read&Write is a toolbar that can read text aloud, highlight, and export to an audio format. Whether you are preparing for a class, writing a report, or giving your eyes a break, Read&Write can help. It makes proofreading, highlighting, turning speech into text, or researching quicker. Learn more and watch a demo at tlos.vt.edu/read-write.

Write digital equations in a flash with Equatio

Equatio is a math creation and manipulation application that allows you to create, edit, insert, and read aloud digital math in Word, Chrome, and the Canvas learning management system. With Equatio, you can create and edit math visually, write and convert LaTeX equations, use speech input to convert spoken math to digital equations, read screenshots of math aloud, convert handwritten equations to text, and more. Learn more and watch a demo at tlos.vt.edu/equatio.

Use Genio to record, tag, and search your notes

Genio (formerly Glean) is a cloud-based note-taking software for recording and annotating lecture notes on the fly using any computer or mobile device. This tool helps you take notes without trying to write down every word. Much like social media apps, you can easily "reply" to what's captured, add tags, and fill in details when you review later. Contact atservices@vt.edu for additional information and availability.





Use OrbitNote to make digital documents accessible

OrbitNote is a PDF reader and editing software that allows you to interact with digital documents in an accessible, dynamic, and collaborative space. With OrbitNote, you can create accessible PDF files from digital or scanned documents, read content aloud using text-to-speech, add highlights for key points in the text, access vocabulary support through the built-in dictionary, annotate documents, and collaborate by using and sharing annotations and voice recordings. Learn more at tlos.vt.edu/orbitnote.

Output speech or Braille with JAWS

JAWS (Job Access With Speech) is the world's most popular Windows screen reader for users whose vision loss prevents them from seeing screen content or navigating with a mouse. JAWS provides speech and Braille output for the most popular computer applications on your Windows PC. Learn more at tlos.vt.edu/jaws.

Magnify and read everything on your Windows computer

ZoomText Magnifier/Reader is a Windows-only, fully integrated magnification and reading program tailored for low-vision users. Magnifier/Reader enlarges and enhances everything on your computer screen, echoes your typing and essential program activity, and automatically reads documents, web pages, and email. Learn more at tlos.vt.edu/zoom-text.

Enhance your skills with digital accessibility training

TLOS has partnered with Deque Systems and WebAIM to provide all students access to self-paced digital accessibility training in Canvas. Visit tlos.vt.edu/student-training to access more than 40 self-paced courses. This training offers you the opportunity to

- > learn basic principles and accessibility practices for a variety of digital formats.
- build career skills in accessible design and innovation.
- earn digital badges, making it easy to share your digital accessibility proficiency.

Visit tlos.vt.edu/assist for more information.

Interested in joining the Accessible Technologies student club? Visit GobblerConnect.vt.edu to learn more!

Need help accessing these resources? Contact 4Help.vt.edu.



