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How students can download and install fusion with JAWS

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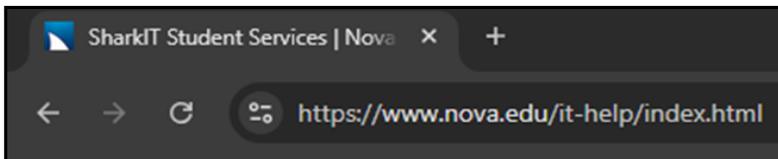
Introduction

Fusion 2026 with Jaws is now available in all labs in the Alvin Sherman Library. Also, It is now available to all students who need this software on their home computers. Please follow the instructions below. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact SharkIT at 954-262-4357.

Instructions

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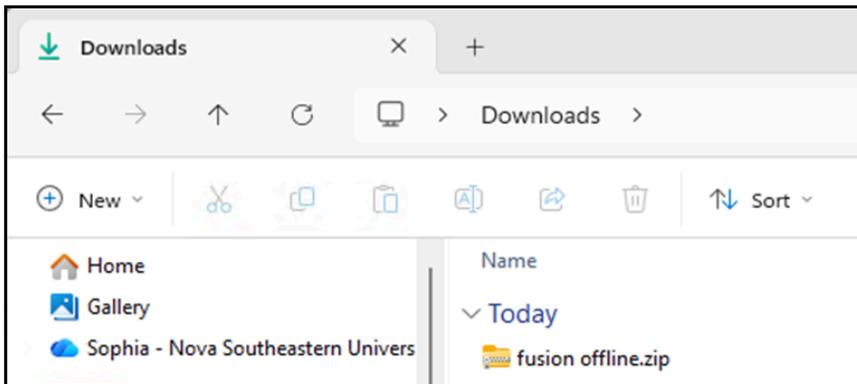
1. On your web browser, go to <https://www.nova.edu/help/>



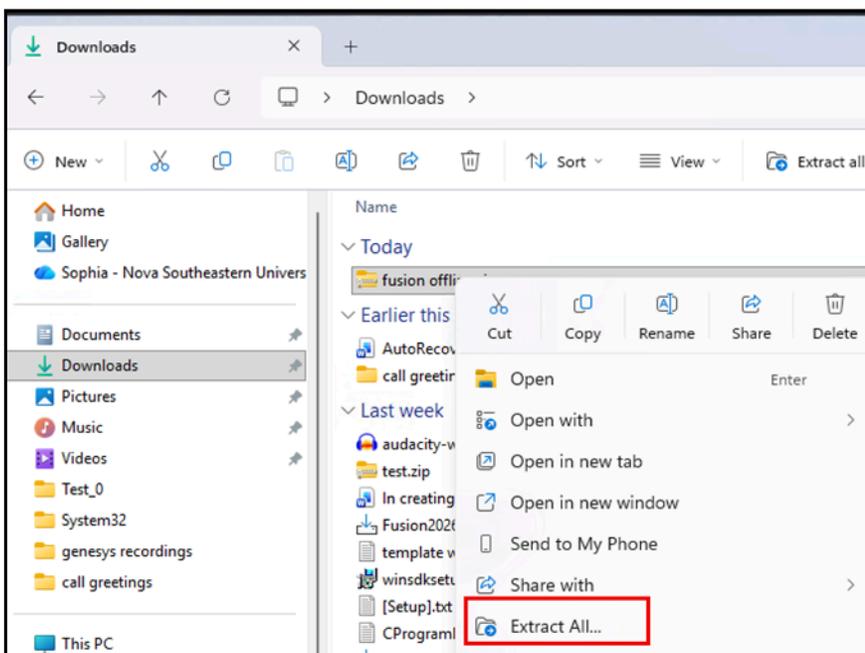
2. Scroll down the page and locate **Software Request**. Click **Software request**. Click the Download link to Fusion with Jaws.



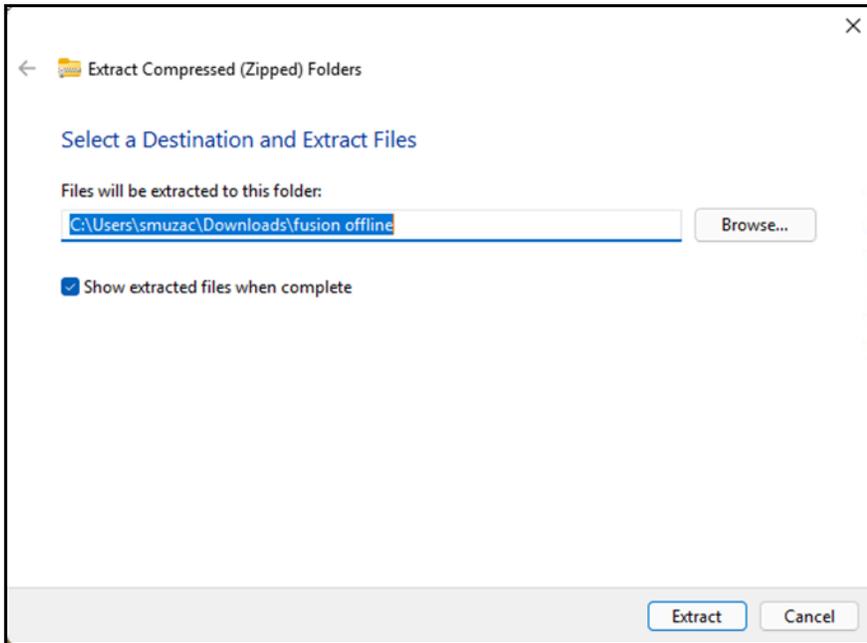
3. Go to your downloads folder on your computer. There will be a zip file named Fusion offline.



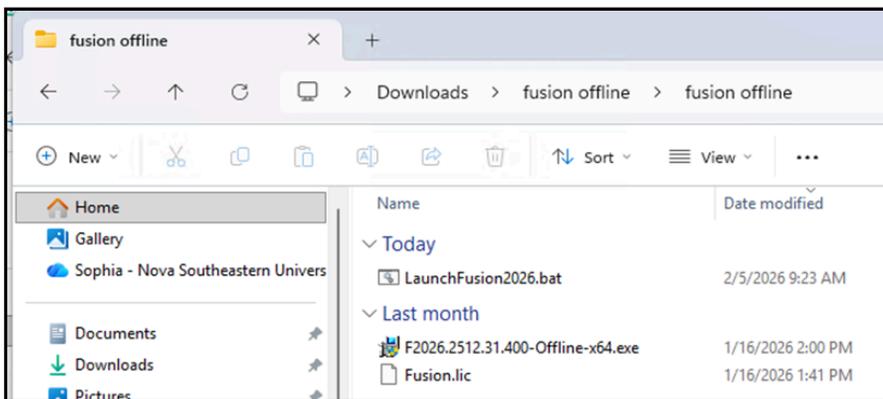
4. Right click on the Fusion offline.zip file and select **Extract All**.



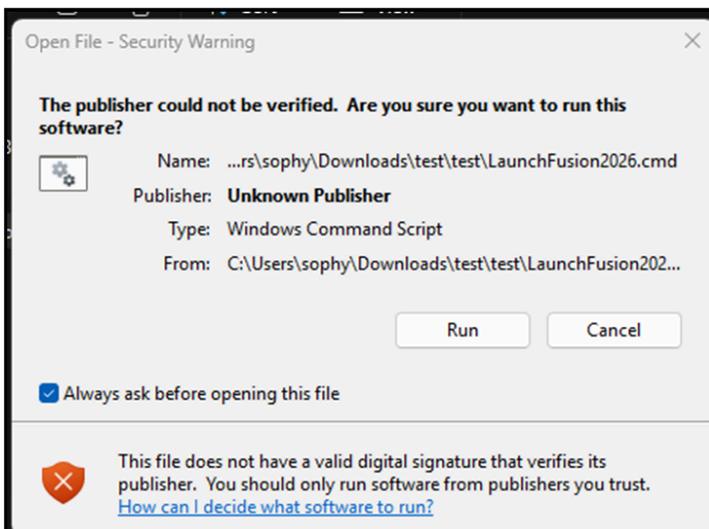
5. Click Extract. Wait for the folder to extract.



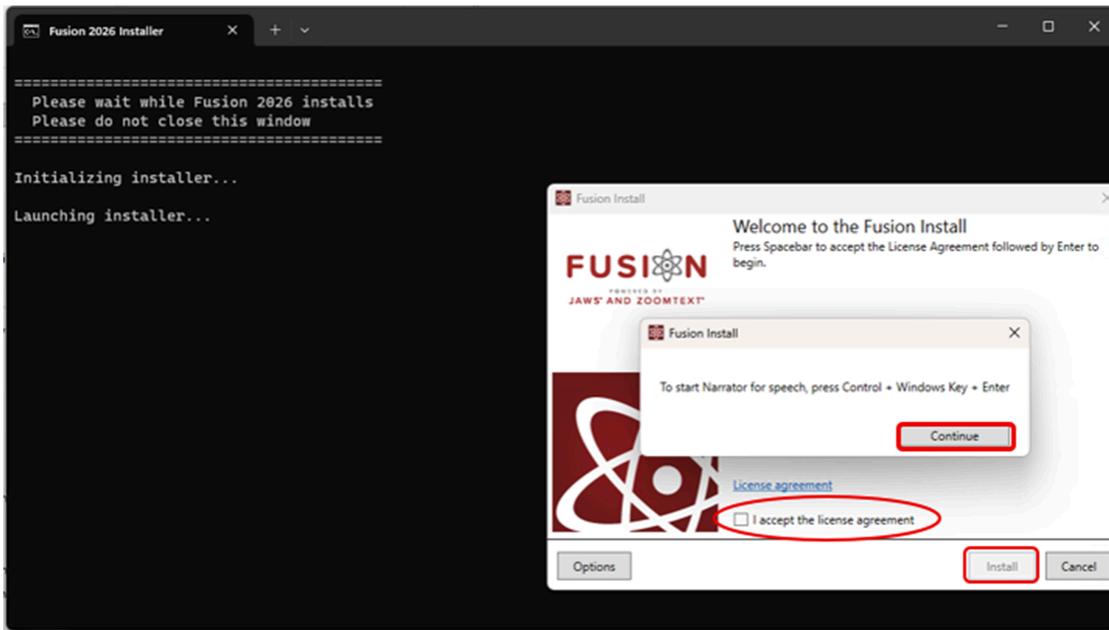
6. Click inside the Fusion offline folder. There are three files. Double click on the LaunchFusion2026.bat file.



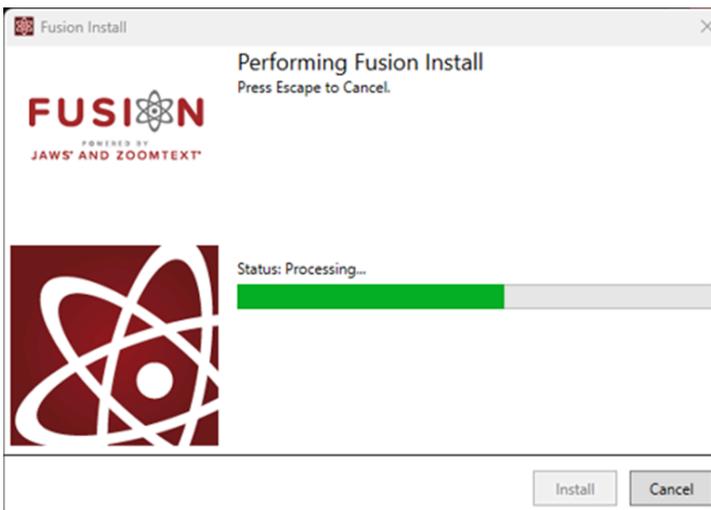
7. A Security Warning popup window will appear. Click **Run**.



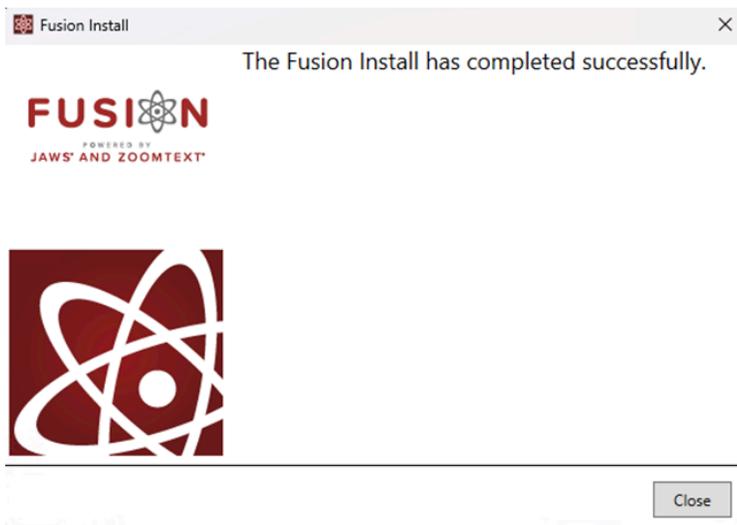
8. You will see a black window appear. Do not close the window. Wait a few seconds for the Fusion installer to launch. Once it does, A window will appear that states "To start Narrator for speech, Press Control+Windows Key+Enter." Click **Continue**. Click the check box stating, "I accept the license agreement." Click **Install**.



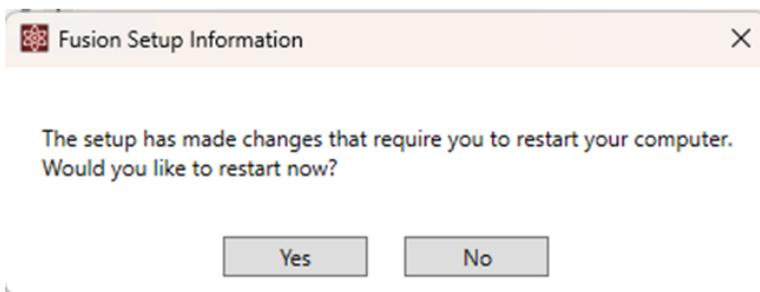
Allow time for the software to install.



9. Click **Close**.



10. This popup will appear "The setup has made changes that require you to restart your computer. Would you like to restart now?" Click **Yes**.

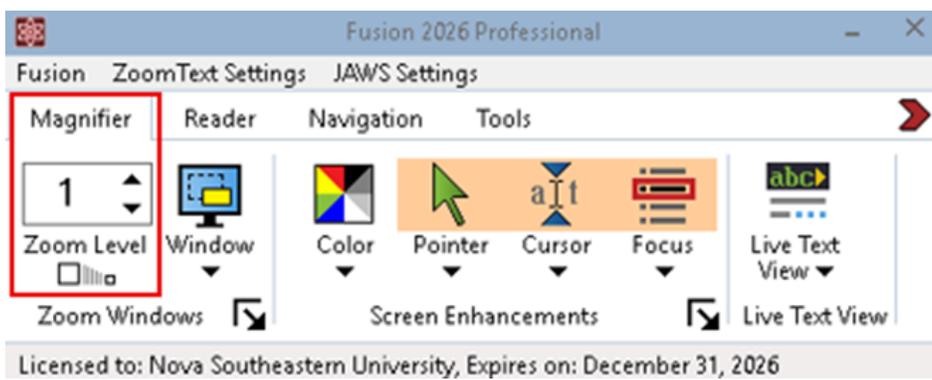


Configuring Fusion, ZoomText, and JAWS settings

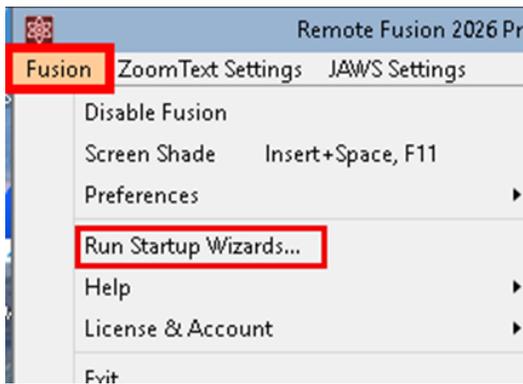
Each section will guide you through configuring your settings where you can customize to your liking. Please follow the instructions in the following paragraphs.

Fusion

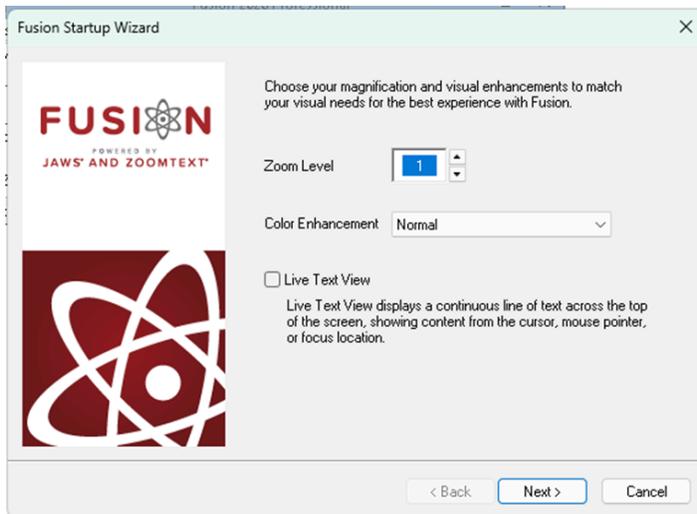
1. Fusion may automatically launch itself or you can double-click on the Fusion icon on the desktop.
2. In the **Magnifier** tab, readjust the zoom level by using the up or down arrows to a comfortable level.



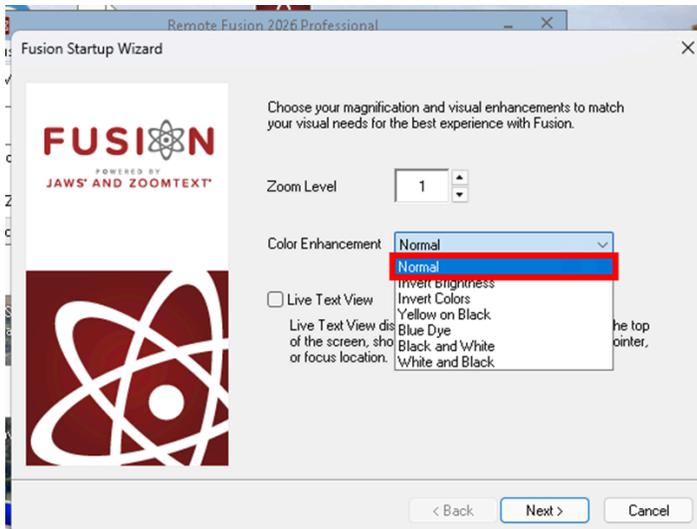
3. Click **Fusion**. Click **Run Startup Wizard**.



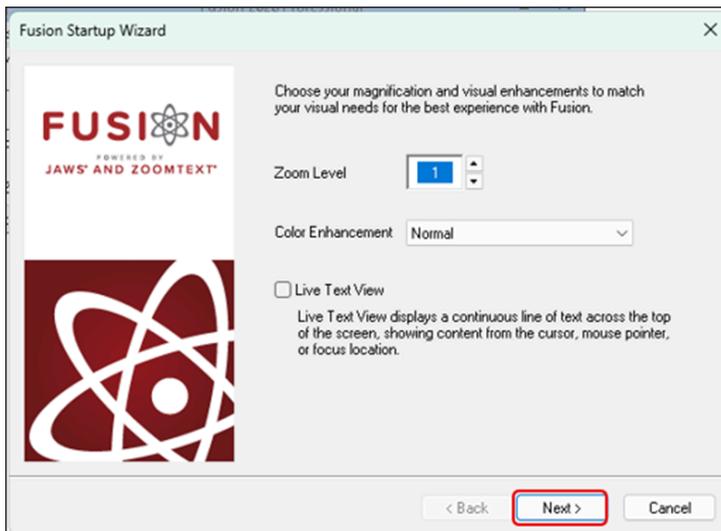
4. In the Zoom Level field, use the up and down arrows to adjust the zoom level.



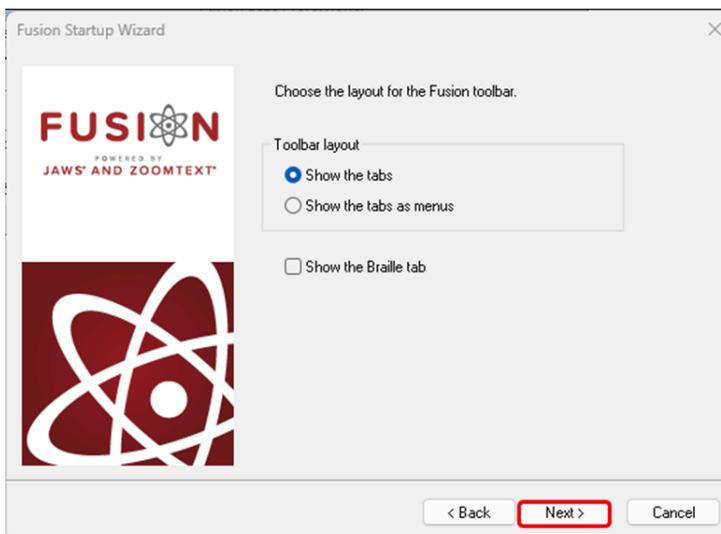
In the Color Enhancement field, You can choose **Normal, Invert Brightness, Invert Colors, Yellow on Black, Blue Dye, Black and White, or White and Black**. Select a color to a comfortable level.



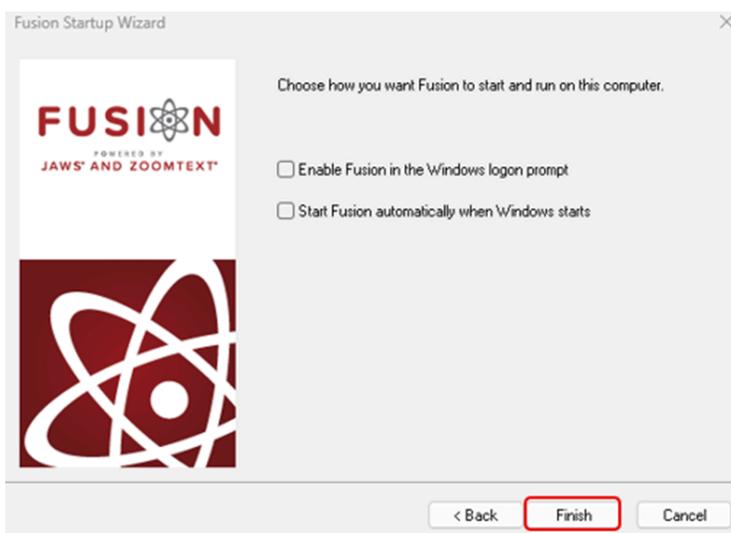
If you wish to have text scrolling on the top of the screen, select Live Text view. Once you make your selections, please click **Next**.



5. Choose the Toolbar layout. You can choose from **Show the tabs** or **Show the tabs as menus**. The last option is **Show the Braille tab**. Once you make your selection, click **Next**.

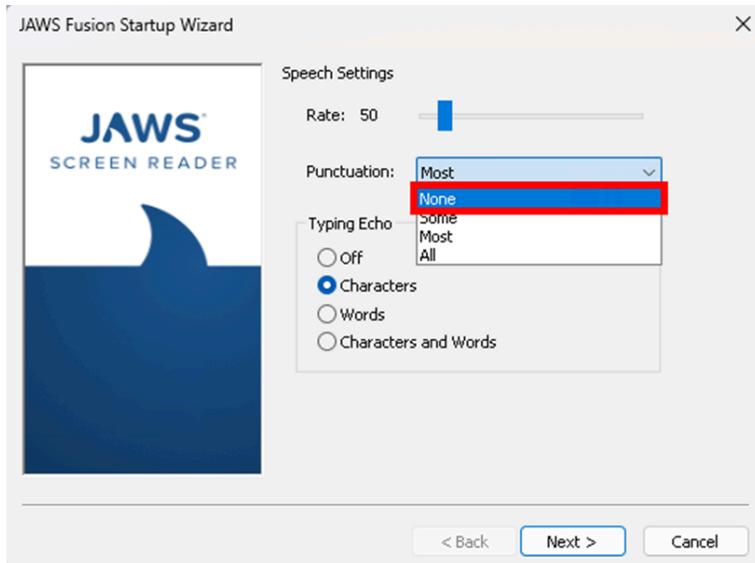


6. Choose how you want Fusion to start and run on this computer. Choose one of the options: **Enable Fusion in the Windows logon prompt** or **Start Fusion automatically when Windows starts**. Once you select either option, Click **Finish**.

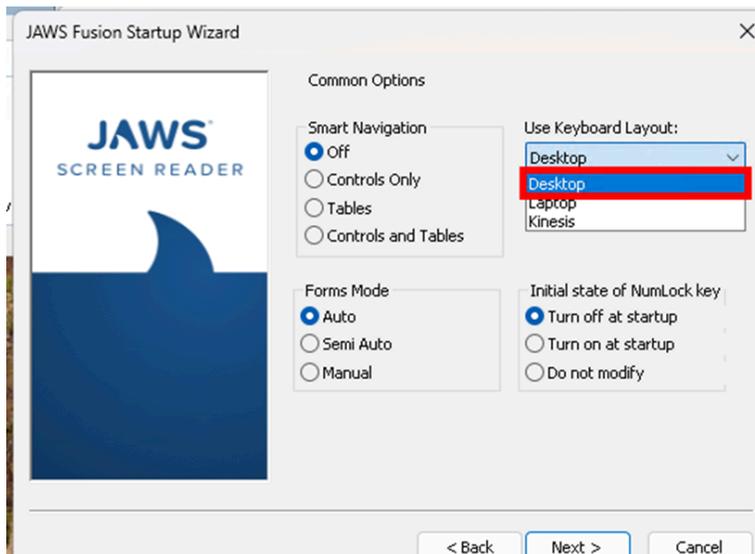


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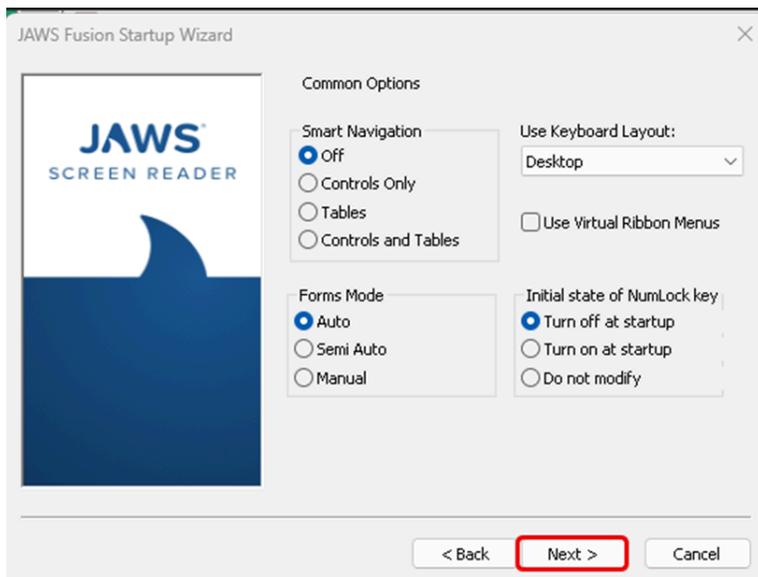
1. The JAWS setup wizard will appear after Fusion setup has been completed. The first settings are the Speech settings where you can slide the bar to adjust the voice speed. In the Punctuation field, you can have JAWS speak on: *None, Some, Most, or All* of the punctuation characters. Select one of the options. In the Typing Echo, choose either of the following: *Off Character, Words, Character, and Words*. After you've made your selections, Click **Next**.



2. In the Common Options section, there are four other options that need to be configured. In Smart Navigation, choose one of the following: *Off, Control only, Tables, or Control and Tables*. In the Form Mode, choose one of the following: *Auto, Semi Auto, or Manual*. In the Keyboard Layout section, choose one of the following: *Desktop, Laptop, or Kinesis*.



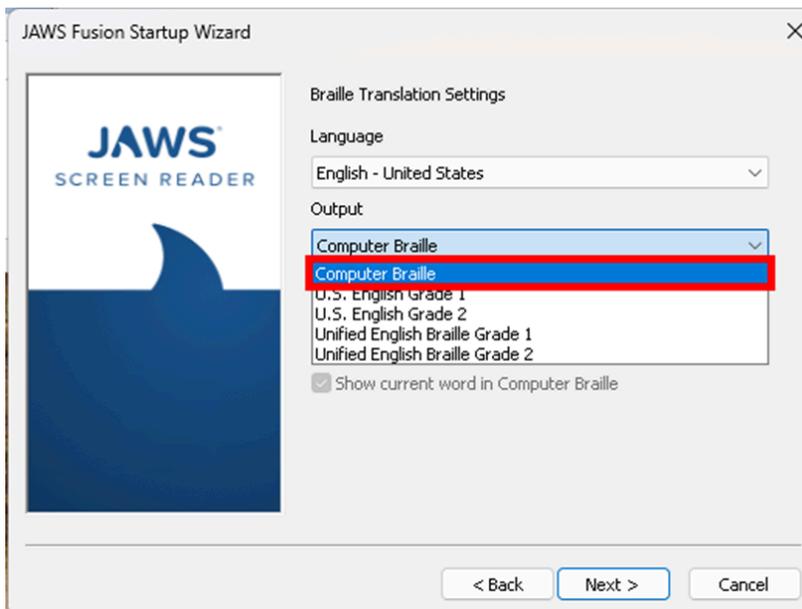
If you wish to "Use Virtual Ribbon Menus" you may select it. Otherwise, it is not required. Finally, the last section, **Initial state of NumLock key**, choose the following: *Turn off at startup, Turn on at startup, or Do not modify*. After everything has been configured, Click **Next**.



3. The Verbosity Setting has three sections. In the Tutor Messages section, please choose one of the following: *Turn off Menu and Control Help*, *Announce Menu and Control Help*, or *Announce Custom Message Only*. In the Verbosity level section, choose one of the following: *Beginner/Highest*, *Intermediate*, or *Advanced/lowest*. Last section is Access Key. Choose one of the following: *Off*, *Speak all*, *Speak Menus only*, or *Speak Dialogs only*. After you make your selections, click **Next**.

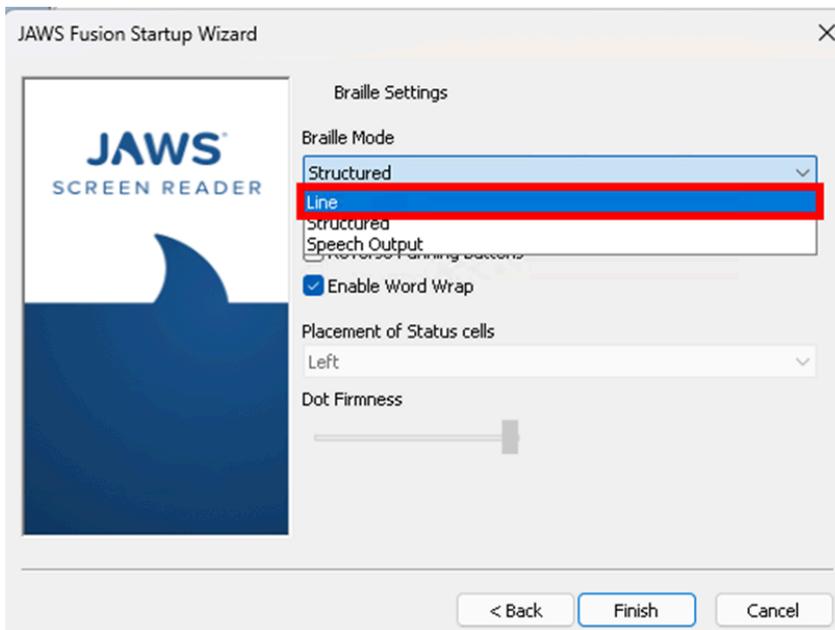


4. The Braille Translation settings have three sections: Language, Output, and Input. Leave the Language to English. For the Output drop-down choose the following: *Computer Braille*, *U.S English Grade 1*, *U.S English Grade 2*, *Unified English Braille Grade 1*, or *Unified English Braille 2*.

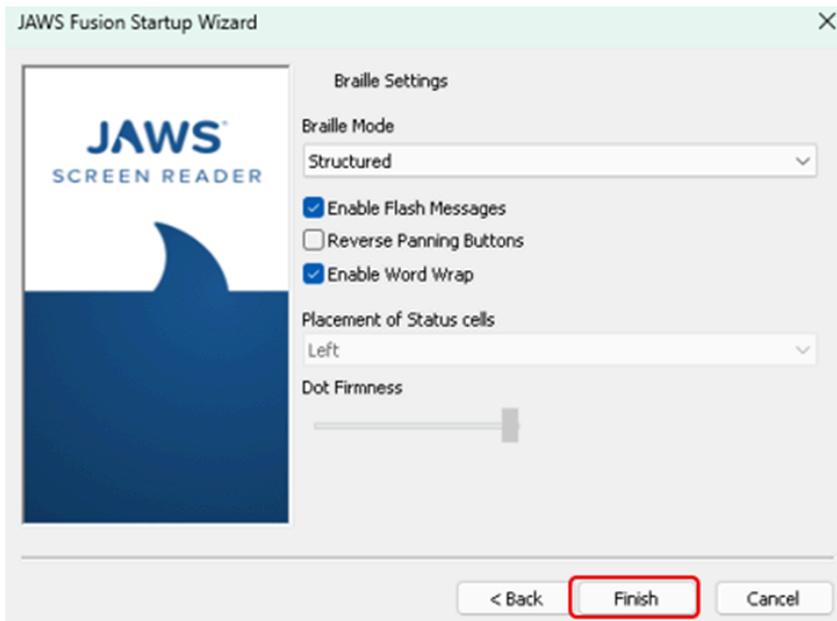


For the Input, no selection is required because it is set to *computer braille*. After you make your selections, click **Next**.

5. The final group of settings are the Braille settings. In Braille mode, choose one of the following: *line*, *structured*, or *Speech Output*.



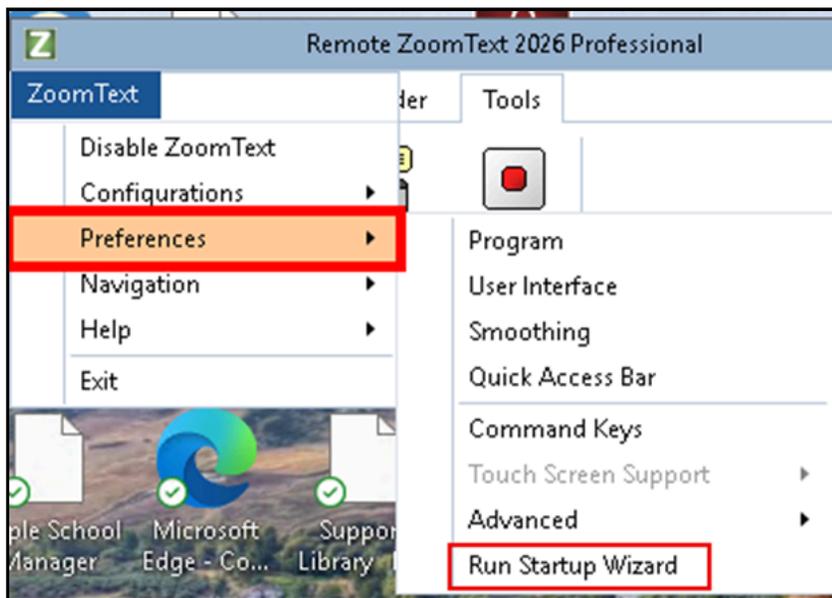
Choose one of the three check boxes: *Enable Flash Messages*, *Reverse Panning buttons*, or *Enable word wrap*. Once you make selection click **Finish**.



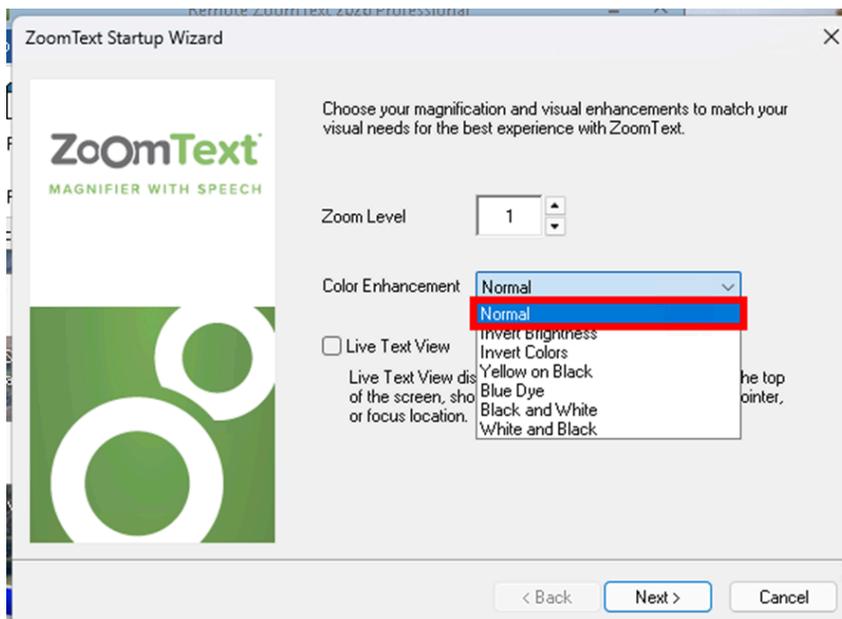
ZoomText

ZoomText allows you to Zoom the screen in or out. Some of the settings are similar to Fusion. However, if you are planning to use ZoomText, it is a good idea to have these settings configured as well. Double click on the Green Z icon.

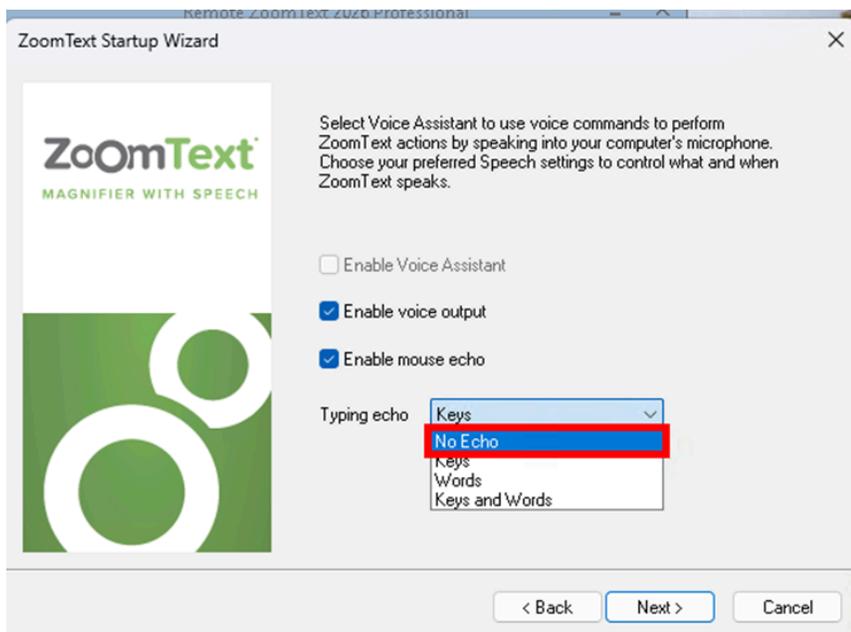
1. On the ZoomText console, click on the **ZoomText**. Go to **Preferences** and select **Run Startup Wizard**.



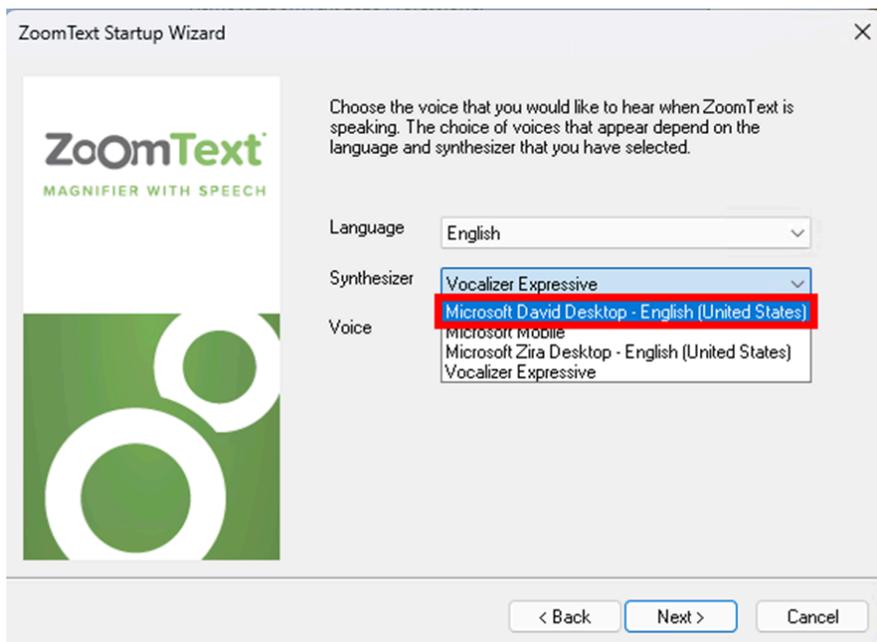
2. Here, like the Fusion settings, select the Zoom level to a comfortable setting. The Color Enhancement is the same as the fusion settings. Choose one from the following: *Normal*, *Invert Brightness*, *Invert Colors*, *Yellow on Black*, *Blue Dye*, *Black and White*, or *White and Black*. If you would like to have Text scrolling across your screen, then you can select Live Text View. Otherwise, it is not required. After you make your selections, click **Next**.



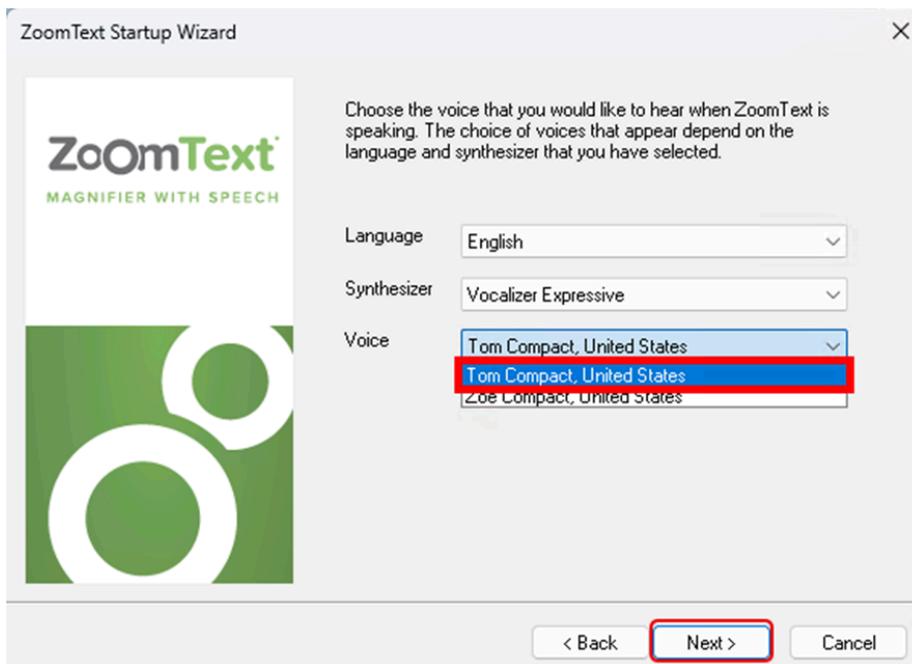
3. This section describes "Select Voice Assistant to use voice commands to perform ZoomText actions by speaking into your computer's microphone." Choose your preferred Speech settings to control what and when ZoomText Speaks." The two choices are enabled by default: Enable voice output and Enable mouse echo. On the Typing echo drop-down menu, choose one of the following: *No Echo, Keys, Words, or Keys and Words*. After your selections, click **Next**.



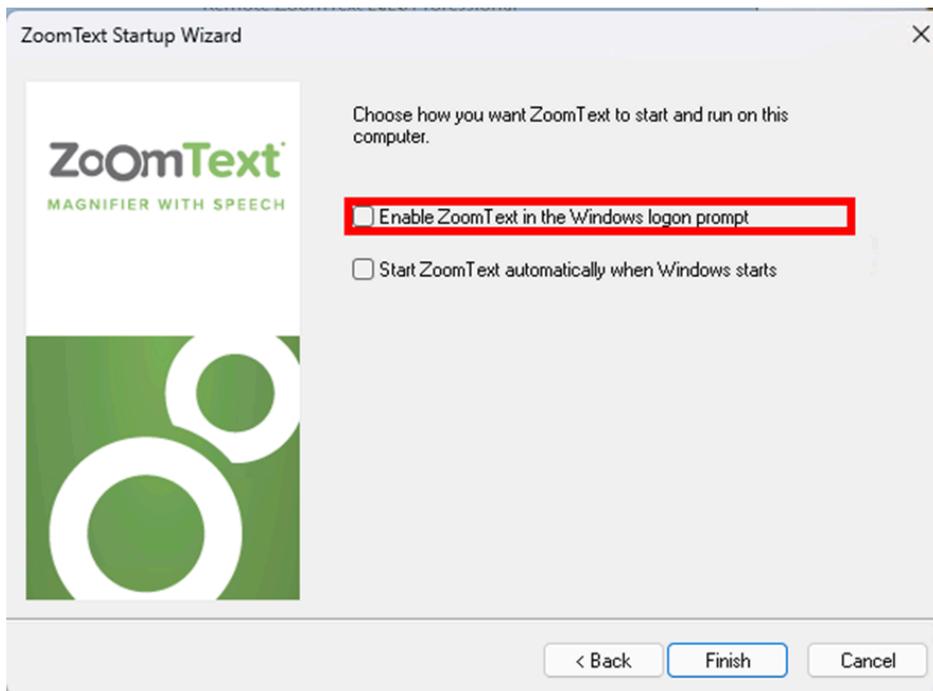
4. This section states, "Choose the voice that you would like to hear when ZoomText is speaking. The choice of voices that appear depend on the language and synthesizer that you have selected." This section has three drop-down options. The first drop-down menu is the language. You can leave it at **English**. The second drop-down option is Synthesizer. Choose one of the following: *Vocalizer Expressive, Microsoft David Desktop – English (United States), Microsoft Mobile, or Microsoft Zira Desktop – English (United States)*.



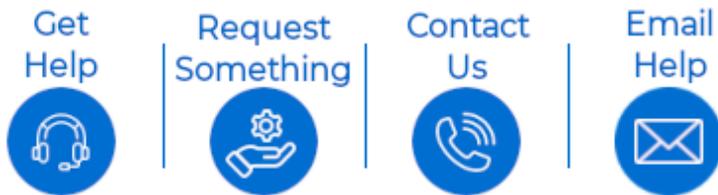
On the voice drop-down menu, choose one of the following: *Tom Compact, United States* or *Zoe Compact, United states*. After you make your selections, click **Next**.



5. The last wizard configuration states the following, "Choose how you want ZoomText to start and run on this computer." There are two options to choose either one or both: *Enable ZoomText in the Windows logon prompt* and *Start ZoomText automatically when Windows starts*. Once these options are selected, please click **Finish**.



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