MAGic can magnify your computer screen, as well as read out loud what is on the screen (please request headphones at the Reference Desk to use this function). Functions can be adjusted and customized.

**Getting Started**
- Start by double-clicking on the MAGic icon on the desktop.
- The User Interface box will open (see figure below). It opens automatically to 2X magnification using Full view. Speech will also be enabled.

![User Interface](image)

**User Interface in General**
- With the buttons on the User Interface (pictured above) you can customize magnification and speech.
- You can also use the options in the pull down menu, and various keyboard shortcuts.
- The blue buttons control magnification features while the orange buttons control speech.

**Magnification Functions**
- To adjust or disable Magnification Level, use the up and down arrows next on the button with the big M on it (see above).
- The number in the box shows the current magnification level. This can also be done by choosing Magnification on the Toolbar.
Speech Functions

- The three orange buttons on the User Interface allow access to the speech capabilities. MAGic can read text that appears on the screen. It can also highlight text as it is being spoken.
- If the button appears with the mouth opened, speech is enabled. If the button appears with the mouth closed (as in icon above) speech is disabled.
- This can also be done by choosing Speech on the toolbar, and selecting (or deselecting) Enable. Right-click on this button for other Speech options, or use the Speech menu, located on the tool bar.

Using the Mouse to Read Text

- Mouse Echo is a feature that allows you to read text with your mouse by moving your mouse pointer to the text on your screen. This function can be turned on and off by clicking on the mouse button (pictured above) in the User Interface.
- Note: If the button appears with white lines to the right (as above), Mouse Echo is turned off. If the button appears with black lines to the right, Mouse Echo is turned on.

Typing Echo

- MAGic repeats each character that you type.
- MAGic also speaks the character to the right of the insertion point when you use the arrow keys to move through text. If Typing Echo is on (white lines appear on the button to the right of the letter T – as in the picture above).

Additional Features

- Application Specific Functions- MAGic contains functions to help work in popular software applications including Microsoft Word, Excel and Internet Explorer.
- For example, with MAGic running in Microsoft Excel you can bring up a dialog box that will list the cells for a particular row that contain data. See the documentation or the Help Menu for more information.

- Using Your Mouse and Keyboard- With MAGic, you can use both your mouse and your keyboard to access most features, or a combination of the two.
• For example, you can either press ALT+F to access the File menu, or you can point and click the word File with the mouse. See the documentation or the Help Menu for more information.

• **Modify/Customize** – There are many ways to modify and customize MAGic to your liking. For example:
  • Use the Mouse Enhancements button to make the mouse pointer easier to track and maneuver on your screen.
  • Use the Cursor Enhancements button to make the cursor easier to follow when editing or writing text.
  • Use the Colors Enhancements button to replace colors, adjust the brightness and contrast, apply tinting, blend colors, and invert the brightness and colors of your display.
  • Use the Locator button to enable/disable the Locator function. The Locator function allows you to find items on your screen.
  • Use the Smoothing button to smooth the appearance of jagged letters in a magnified state.
  • The Resize View button allows you to change the dimensions of your magnified view.

Remember to consult the **Help** function for easy to use guides and detailed help information for the various MAGic functions and options. Under **Help**, choose **Help Topics**, or you also choose Training for an overview.