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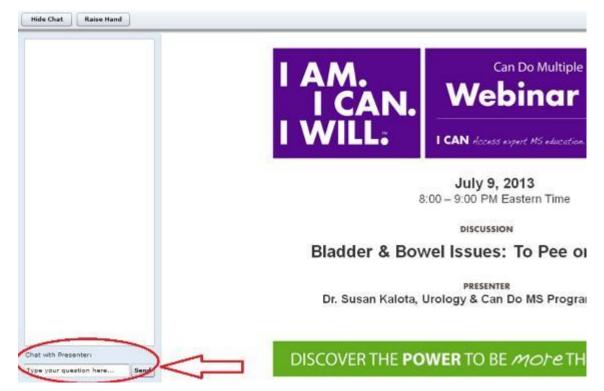
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Agenda

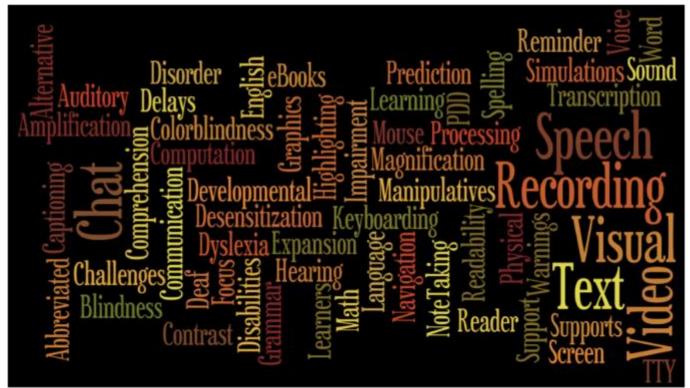
- What is AT, Who is it for and How can it help.
- Which AT is right for you?
- Types of AT for various MS symptoms.
- Services and Resources to find AT products.





What is Assistive Technology (AT)?

 Any item which increases, improves, or maintains the functional capabilities of a person with a disability at home, school, or at work







Who are the Users of AT?

- AT products for any challenge or disability.
 - Physical Access and Mobility
 - Cognitive and Neurological Supports
 - Learning Disabilities
 - Vision Impairments
 - Hearing Challenges
 - Augmenting Communication





AT Fixes Access for People

- AT arose from individual desire/need to access community
- AT can improve interaction between person and environment
- AT can increase opportunities for participation
- AT is anything that achieves these goals





Determining What AT is Effective

- An AT Search begins with asking questions like:
 - What environment do you want to make accessible?
 - What task do you want/need to complete?
 - What interactions with others require support?
 - What daily tasks do you need greater control over?

Then ask yourself, "what technology do I wish existed to help with such a need?"

It most likely exists...





Goal: Find the Right Technologies:

- Ask a confident to participate in a conversation about the challenges you encounter daily outside feedback is essential
- Log the environments and tasks that prove to be difficult where a technological support could be beneficial
- Use this list of daily challenges to find the tools which could meet those exact needs (many links below)
- Be a good consumer--one size does not fit all





Areas in Where AT Has Value

- Supports for Activities of Daily Living (self care, memory supports)
- School and Workplace Accommodations (computer access, note-taking)
- Access to Leisure (home, sports, hobbies, entertainment)





The AT Field Addresses

- Adaptive Aids for Daily Living Needs **
- Augmentative Communication Systems *
- Environmental Control Systems **
- Home/Worksite Modifications **
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Seating and Positioning (Wheelchairs)
- Computer Technologies *



* * Primary Topic for Lecture 2





Topic 1: Computer-Based AT

- Device-based Tools (built-in to computers/phones)
- Cloud-based Tools (follows user across the Web)
- Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)
- User-designed Tools (innovative uses of tech)



Assistive Technology: Means to Participate

We stand by the premise that a disability only exists as a description of a person's level of participation in the world around them. It does not reside in the person, it does not define the person, it is the result of a lack of foresight on behalf of those who built the community in which that person resides, plays,

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Types of Computer-Based AT

- Literacy Supports (for readers and nonreaders)
- Visual Supports
- Hearing Support
- Writing/Note-Taking Supports
- Time Management/Organization
- Memory Supports
- Communication Supports
- Physical Access to Technology





Literacy Supports in Devices

Found in all phones, tablets, & computers

Built-In Support Text-to-Speech (text read

aloud to you)

- iOS
- Android
- Macintosh
- Windows





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Literacy Supports on Web

Example: Chrome Browser Apps & Extensions

- Text to Speech in Google Docs
 - ReadWrite
 - Co:Writer Universal
- Text to Speech on Webpages
 - SimpleHighlighter
 - ATbar
 - Snap & Read Universal
 - Select and Speak
 - SpeakIt!

- Article Summation
 - CruxLite
 - Clipped
- Reading Support
 - Readability
 - Reading
 - Readline
 - BeeLine





Literacy Supports: Dedicated

Example: Chrome Browser Apps & Extensions

App & Software Supports







Notes



CoWriter



iReadWrite

Dedicated AT Devices

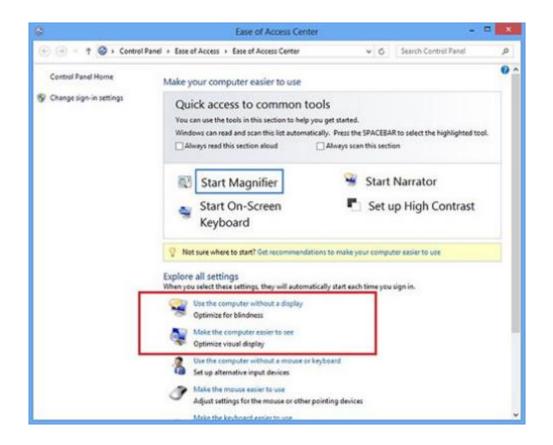






Visual Supports

Device-based Tools (built-in to computers/phones)







Visual Supports

- Cloud-based Tools (follows user across the Web, built-into all browsers)
- Google
- Firefox
- Safari
- Opera
- Internet Explorer

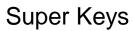




Visual Supports

Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)







Claro Magnifier



KNFB Reader



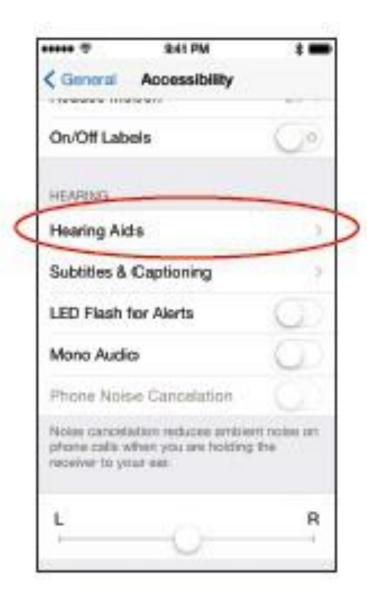
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Hearing Support

 Device-based Tools (built-in to computers/phones)







Hearing Support

Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)



Writing/Note-Taking Supports

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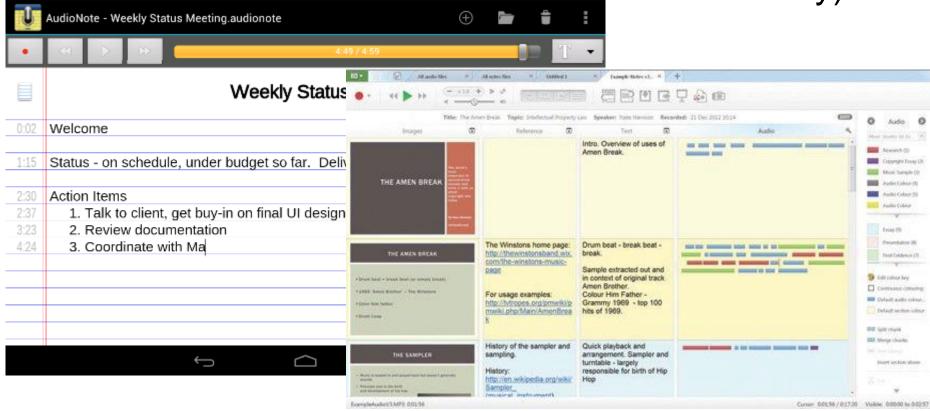






Writing/Note-Taking Supports

Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)





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Writing/Note-Taking Supports

User-designed Tools (innovative uses of tech)



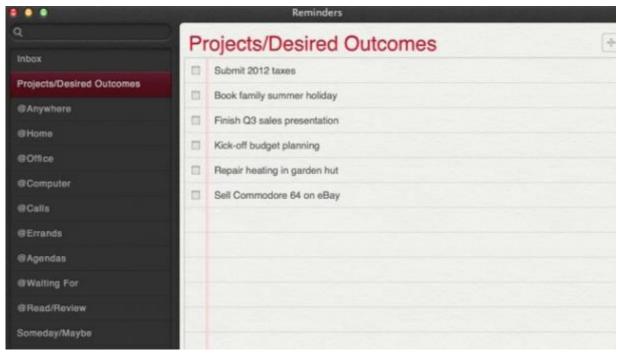
LiveScribe Smart Pen





Time Management/Organization

 Device-based Tools (built-in to computers/phones)



Reminders By Apple



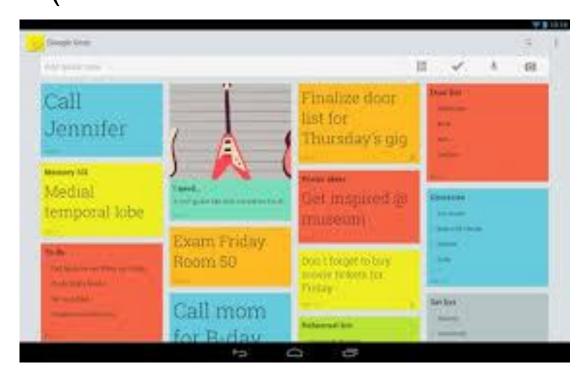


Time Management/Organization

Cloud-based Tools (follows user across the

Web)



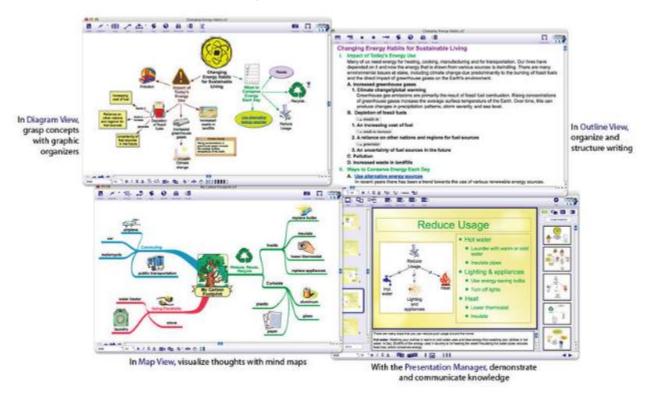






Time Management/Organization

Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)





Inspiration.com: 2 views of same app



Memory Supports

 Device-based Tools (built-in to computers/phones)



Reminders - Apple





Memory Supports

Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)



Evernote





Communication Supports

Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)







Physical Access to Technology

 Device-based Tools (built-in to computers/phones)







Physical Access to Technology

Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)

- What Movement Can Be Used for Access?
- Anything! (that's all you need to know)
- Any body-part
- Any degree of movement
- Any degree of control
- Breath, eye-blink, muscle twitch, eye-gaze, speech (and eventually brain-waves)





Physical Access to Technology

Dedicated Tools (Invented to serve a disability)















Physical Access to Technology

Dedicated Tools (Voice Dictation)











Who Can Help? AT Service Providers

- Professionals who have experience matching individuals with AT; typically OT's, PT's, Speech Therapists, ATP's, Rehab Workers, Educators, and anyone with proven experience.
- Vision, hearing, speech, OT, and PT professionals are all helpful, but only those people with true AT experience (check RESNA.org for people) are ever more helpful.





Resources

- My Website: <u>ATHelp.org</u>
- Chrome Website: www.ChromeToolBox.com

- Best AT Conferences & Websites
 - www.atia.org
 - www.csun.edu
 - www.abilitiesexpo.com
 - www.resna.org
 - www.closingthegap.com





Free Support in NYC







AbleData: Resources



- An online database of assistive technology (AT) products

 over 44,000 products from over 4,800 companies. For each product:
 - brief description
 - manufacturer and distributors
 - indexed by function & ISO 9999
- More than 3,600 other disability resources.







AbleData: Services

• All AbleData resources of information on AT products and companies, AT programs and more are available for free and fully searchable at www.abledata.com.

 Information services available toll-free by phone, fax, TTY and email.









NARIC: Resources

- Onsite library of disability and rehabilitation research literature
 - 70,000+ journal articles, research reports, manuals, and consumer materials
- Online databases
 - REHABDATA Index of disability and rehabilitation literature
 - The NIDILRR Program Database Information and publications from active and completed projects funded by NIDILRR since 1986.
 - Knowledgebase Agencies, organizations, and information resources for consumers and professionals.
- Online publications
 - Guiding the consumer Librarian's Picks, Research Spotlight, Frequently Asked Questions, Disability Resources, reSearch





NARIC: Services

- Self-Service Web Site
- Information and Referral Services
 - Phone, email, live chat
- Library Services
 - Custom database searches
 - Document delivery
- Alert & Literature

Awareness Services

- News and Notes from the NIDILRR Community and Beyond/NIDILRR Announcements for funding and agency news
- REHABDATA Connection





Product Search Results







Product Categories (counts)

- Aids for Daily Living (10,594)
- Blind and Low Vision (6,161)
- Communication (6,102)
- Computers (6,208)
- Controls (1,721)
- Deaf And Hard of Hearing (2,118)
- Deaf Blind (177)
- Education (3,882)
- Environmental Adaptations (3,772)

- Housekeeping (2,745)
- Orthotics (1,794)
- Prosthetics (194)
- Recreation (5,073)
- Safety and Security (693)
- Seating (2,229)
- Therapeutic Aids (5,510)
- Transportation (1,250)
- Walking (2,166)
- Wheeled Mobility (4,097)
- Workplace (1,368)







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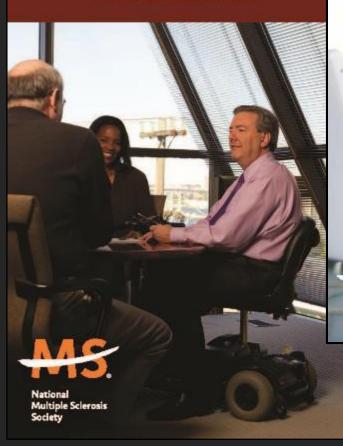
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The Win-Win Approach to Reasonable Accommodations



Should I Work?
INFORMATION FOR
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Employment Matters: Managing MS in the Workplace

Learn how to navigate the complexifies of managing work and MS through this six part video series and companion toolkit.

Part 1- Thinking Proactively About Employment

Part 2. Recent Changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ABA)

Part 3- Disclosure in the Workplace

Part 4- Managing Fatigue in the Workplace

Part 5- Managing Cognitive Challenges in the Workplace

Part 6-Assistive Technology and the Workplace

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If you have an employment-related question that was not answered during tonight's webinar, please feel free to email

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