

BrowseAloud 5 - VPAT

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Texthelp Systems is dedicated to developing software products that are usable for everyone including those with physical challenges and disabilities. BrowseAloud was designed to adhere to the Section 508 accessibility standards.

The following document describes the accessibility features that address the Section 508 Standards. This VPAT (Voluntary Product Accessibility Template) is an informational tool developed by industry and government to help facilitate the understanding of compatibility issues under Section 508.

Summary Table: Voluntary Product Accessibility Template

Criteria	Remarks and explanations
Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems	See section 1194.21 below.
Section 1194.22 Web-based internet information and applications	BrowseAloud is not considered a Web-based product. It is a software application (see 1194.21)
Section 1194.23 Telecommunications Products	BrowseAloud is not considered a telecommunications product.
Section 1194.24 Video and Multi-media Products	BrowseAloud is not considered a multimedia product.
Section 1194.25 Self-Contained, Closed Products	BrowseAloud is not a self-contained product.
Section 1194.26 Desktop and Portable Computers	BrowseAloud is software as defined under section 1194.21.
Section 1194.31 Functional Performance Criteria	See section 1194.31 below.
Section 1194.41 (a) Information, Documentation and Support	See section 1194.41 below.

Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems

Criteria	Explanations
(a) When software is designed to run on a system that has a keyboard, product functions shall be executable from a keyboard where the function itself or the result of performing a function can be discerned textually.	Fully Compliant: All the functionality of BrowseAloud 5 can be accessed using only the keyboard. BrowseAloud 5 works in conjunction with Internet Explorer and reads the text below the mousepointer. The mousepointer can be controlled using MS Mousekeys, which is a standard feature of the operating system.

<p>(b) Applications shall not disrupt or disable activated features of other products that are identified as accessibility features, where those features are developed and documented according to industry standards. Applications also shall not disrupt or disable activated features of any operating system that are identified as accessibility features where the application programming interface for those accessibility features has been documented by the manufacturer of the operating system and is available to the product developer.</p>	<p>Fully Compliant: BrowseAloud does not disrupt or disable accessibility features of the operating system.</p>
<p>(c) A well-defined on-screen indication of the current focus shall be provided that moves among interactive interface elements as the input focus changes. The focus shall be programmatically exposed so that Assistive Technology can track focus and focus changes.</p>	<p>Fully Compliant: Visual on-screen focus and tracking is provided throughout BrowseAloud.</p>
<p>(d) Sufficient information about a user interface element including the identity, operation and state of the element shall be available to Assistive Technology. When an image represents a program element, the information conveyed by the image must also be available in text.</p>	<p>Supported: Text equivalents are provided for all on-screen graphic elements of the BrowseAloud interface.</p>
<p>(e) When bitmap images are used to identify controls, status indicators, or other programmatic elements, the meaning assigned to those images shall be consistent throughout an application's performance.</p>	<p>Fully Compliant: Images used throughout the BrowseAloud application for controls, status indicators, or other programmatic elements are consistent throughout the application and, where applicable, consistent with those found throughout the operating system.</p>
<p>(f) Textual information shall be provided through operating system functions for displaying text. The</p>	<p>Fully Compliant BrowseAloud uses standard functions to send text to the operating system.</p>

<p>minimum information that shall be made available is text content, text input caret location, and text attributes.</p>	
<p>(g) Applications shall not override user selected contrast and color selections and other individual display attributes.</p>	<p>Fully Compliant: BrowseAloud supports system-wide color settings as identified in the operating system display properties.</p>
<p>(h) When animation is displayed, the information shall be displayable in at least one non-animated presentation mode at the option of the user.</p>	<p>Not applicable BrowseAloud does not use animations.</p>
<p>(i) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.</p>	<p>Supported: Reference Manager uses color-coding only as a secondary means to convey information.</p>
<p>(j) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a variety of color selections capable of producing a range of contrast levels shall be provided.</p>	<p>Fully Compliant BrowseAloud does allow for color and contrast setting changes beyond those provided by the Windows operating system or Internet Explorer. A range of colors & contrasts are provided.</p>
<p>(k) Software shall not use flashing or blinking text, objects, or other elements having a flash or blink frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.</p>	<p>Not applicable BrowseAloud does not contain any flashing or blinking text or objects beyond what the operating system may display.</p>
<p>(l) When electronic forms are used, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.</p>	<p>Fully Compliant: BrowseAloud text boxes are compatible with Assistive Technology such as screen readers.</p>