

Kurzweil 3000 for Windows™ Version 10

New Features Summary

(this includes any new features since v.9 – if you have an older version there will be even more new features than previous versions)

Kurzweil 3000 Version 10 contains an exciting set of features, many of which are the direct result of requests from customers like you. You'll also find enhancements that are part of our ongoing product improvement process.

This document provides brief descriptions of major Version 10 features, enhancements and changes; for detailed information, please refer to the Kurzweil 3000 for Windows User's Guide, Network or Standalone Installation and Administration Guide or online Help.

Remote License-to-Go (tm) for Kurzweil 3000 Access without Network Connection

With Remote License-to-Go, students can truly use Kurzweil 3000 anywhere, anytime. Building on the success of License-to-Go, Remote License-to-Go gives users access to Kurzweil 3000 Client software, without having to be connected to the Kurzweil 3000 Network. Teachers or IT administrators can specify the period of time that the license is valid – any time from a few hours, overnight, or throughout an academic or calendar year.

Ability to Broadcast Feature Locks on Client Computers from a Central Location

As a teacher or IT Administrator, you can now use the Server Administrator to disable or enable Kurzweil 3000 features on multiple client computers from a central location. This feature is invaluable for setting up for test taking, document protection and data security, or to achieve user interface consistency.

Kurzweil 3000 Taskbar Offers Access to Read, Lookup and Spell Check for Text from Any Desktop Application

The Kurzweil 3000 Taskbar is an application, installed with Kurzweil 3000 Version 10, that appears as a small bar in the Windows Taskbar. With the Kurzweil 3000 Taskbar, you can drop text from any application on your desktop, from e-mail to Web content, and Read, Look Up and Spell Check the text.

Save Toolbars and Feature Locks in Documents

Suppose you want to distribute a test document, and you want to disable certain features and provide a toolbar that you want the test taker(s) to use, but you don't want to lock features and set the toolbar for other documents on the PC. In Version 10, you can make these changes. Find Save Toolbars in Document and Save Feature Locks in Document in the Document Properties dialog, which is accessible when you select Properties from the File menu.

Toolbar Toggles for One-Click Toolbar Display

Quickly show and hide toolbars at any time by clicking the toolbar's Toggle, a narrow colored bar that runs along the left edge of each toolbar. The Red Toggle is for the Reading toolbar, Yellow is for Reading, Green is for Study Skills, and Blue is for the Writing toolbar.

Override OCR for Converting Unrecognized Text

Gain great flexibility in the scanning process as this feature enables you to convert unrecognized text (for example, large or unusual fonts or text with wide word spacing that is typical of titles and headings) into zones that Kurzweil 3000 can read. Find Override OCR in the Zone Editor, accessible from the Scan menu.

Header/Footer Editor for Omitting Material That You Don't Want Kurzweil 3000 to Read

Many types of documents have headers and footers that you may not want to read aloud. With the Header/Footer Editor, you can mark areas of an image document so that Kurzweil 3000 does not read them. The Header/Footer Editor is in the Scan menu.

New Text Circle Tool Enhances Test Taking and Complements Color Highlighters

In Version 10, it's possible to circle answers in test documents that are image files. Accessible from the Tools -> Highlight menu, the Red Circle and the Blue Circle are also useful annotation tools. By using the Extract Annotations feature, you can extract circled text just like Notes and Highlighted text.

Spell Checking As You Type

Red underlining alerts you to misspelled words as you type.

New Documentation Tools Let You Get More Out of Kurzweil 3000

"How To Videos," accessible from the Help menu, give quick overviews of major Kurzweil 3000 features, while the online Help now offers full-text Search to find specific Help information.

Reading Toolbar for Mozilla Firefox

The Kurzweil 3000 Reading toolbar is now within the Firefox browser, making reading and looking up words only a click away. In addition, the Read command is accessible through the right mouse button menu.

Ability to Share Lists and Dictionaries

Version 10 offers an easy way to share and distribute Pronunciation and Word Prediction Dictionaries, as well as OCR Corrections and Vocabulary Lists, via list importing and exporting capabilities. Sharing dictionaries and lists can ensure up-to-date and standard usage of pronunciations and words, as well as minimize duplication of effort.

The Import and Export Pronunciations Dictionary options are in the Pronunciations Advanced dialog, accessible when you choose Edit from the Tools -> Pronunciations menu. Find Import and Export Word Prediction Dictionary in the Edit Word Prediction Dictionary dialog, accessible in the Word Prediction Options pane. Import and Export for OCR Corrections are in the Advanced Corrections dialog, accessible when you select Corrections from the Scan menu. Vocabulary List Import and Export options are in the Vocabulary List dialog, accessible when you select Vocabulary Lists from the Tools menu.

Animated GIF Picture Dictionary Support

This new feature gives you support for animated GIF files such as the American Sign Language (ASL) animations available from Vcom3D, Inc. A small subset is included in the Kurzweil 3000 CD. See online Help for information on adding and managing this and other picture dictionaries.

Expanded Online Reference Access

Version 10 provides online access to Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary. For those users with a Bookshare.org account, Version 10 adds newspaper and magazine access through NFB-Newsline® in electronic form. (A subscription to Bookshare.org is required; access to newspapers is based on funding at a state level.)

Talking Calculator

Take advantage of full-function talking standard, statistics, scientific and business calculators.

Enhancements

Fingertip Access to Kurzweil 3000 Universal Library Simplifies Student-Teacher Collaboration

Once configured, the Kurzweil 3000 Universal Library can be an effective “space” for students and teachers, alike, to share and distribute documents, as well as to collaborate electronically. For example, teachers can quickly place test or class assignment documents in the Universal Library, while students can open those documents directly from the File menu in Kurzweil 3000. After working with the documents, students can save them back to the Universal Library for teachers to open, review, correct and re-place in the library for students to pick up. The Library can also serve as a central location for teachers to share lesson plans and other documents.

Extract Annotations for Precise Study Notes and Documents

The Extract Annotations feature rounds out the program’s ability to extract Bookmarks, Highlights and Text. Found in the File menu, Extract Annotations lets you selectively extract different types of Kurzweil 3000 notes – Bubble Notes, Footnotes, Sticky and/or Text Notes – giving you precisely the information you want in creating outlines, summaries as well as tests.

Customizing Toolbars from One Location

All the options to customize toolbars are in one location so that you can customize which icons appear on each toolbar, along with the option to control icon size and toolbar position.

Two New Color Highlighter Colors

More color highlighters means more ways to distinguish information in a document and more ways to extract precise notes. You can find Orange and Gray highlighter colors in the Tools -> Highlight menu.

Ability to Change Sticky and Text Note Properties in a Document

It’s useful to be able to set consistent properties for all Sticky and Text Notes that you create throughout Kurzweil 3000; however, there may be documents in which you may want different properties. You can now change properties – such as Font Size, Text Color, and Reading Order – by using the Document Properties dialog, accessible when you select Properties from the File menu.

Ability to Move Footnote or Bubble Note Markers

What if you want to a Footnote or a Bubble Note to open in a different location? It's now possible to do that by selecting and dragging the note's marker to a new location.
Additional User Interface Changes

Find Bar – Selecting Find -> Text (or pressing Ctrl+F) now displays a "Find Bar" at the bottom of the Kurzweil 3000 window. You can type into this bar and click Find Next button to find the next occurrence. To display the Find dialog with additional options, click Advanced. To hide the Find bar, click Hide. To exit the function, press the Escape key.

Speaker box in the default, Classic Reading toolbar

Having this box right in the Reading toolbar means you have quick access and ability to change the Reading voice on the fly. The Speaker box is also available in the Language Learning toolbar set.

New size option for the Main and Study Skills toolbars

You'll find "Large (No Captions)" and "Large (Captions)" in the Toolbar right mouse button/shortcut menu.

Elimination of icons in the Help Topics Table of Contents

By eliminating the icons, there is more room in the left-hand pane of the Help Topics to accommodate the growing number of topics and to reduce click-through to get to the information you want.