

Kurzweil Web Site:

<http://www.kurzweiledu.com>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you interested in learning more about Kurzweil 3000 or the High Tech Center area in the Library Commons, contact DSPS.

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or

High Tech Center

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Assistive Technology: Kurzweil 3000 Scan & Read Software



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READING DIFFICULTIES

Trouble pronouncing words when you read?

Problems with slow reading?

Weak comprehension?

Could be a sign of a disability that requires text-to-speech technology.

Assistive technology such as Kurzweil 3000 might help! Ask DSPS for a demonstration.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: WHAT IS KURZWEIL 3000?

A: Kurzweil 3000 is “Scan and Read” software. With Kurzweil 3000 on a computer, a person with reading difficulties can scan printed material into the computer, then hear the text read aloud through the speakers or headphones. Research shows that seeing and hearing text simultaneously can improve reading speed, comprehension, retention, and endurance. Bakersfield College has many computers equipped with Kurzweil 3000 in the High Tech Center area of the Computer Commons in the Library, and elsewhere on campus.

Q: WHAT IS THE HIGH TECH CENTER?

A: The High Tech Center is a set of computers with specialized equipment for people with disabilities. Originally located in the Learning Center, it was relocated to the Computer Commons on the first floor of the BC Library during Spring 2004 to expand accessibility and hours of operation.

Computers have become essential tools on the job and in school, but for people with disabilities, computers can also lead to better communication, improved basic skills, and enhanced independence. When standard computer applications or devices cannot be used due to physical or learning disabilities, assistive strategies or equipment must be used. The Bakersfield College High Tech Center provides hands-on training with standard and assistive computer technology. Then students use the same equipment on campus and in the workplace.

The High Tech Center is part of Disabled Student Programs & Services. Training & classes in text-to-speech are available.

KURZWEIL 3000: STEP-BY-STEP

KURZWEIL 3000 SCAN & READ

1. Type your BC log-in name. TAB. Type your password. ENTER.
2. Press CTRL + ALT + K for Kurzweil or double click Kurzweil 3000 icon.
3. Type your first name, press ENTER.
4. Place your text on the scanner, or click FILE>OPEN to open an existing file.
5. Click the SCAN icon or press F9 to begin scanning
6. Click the green READ icon or press F3 to start and stop reading.
7. For a definition of a word, click the DICTIONARY icon or press CTRL + D. To hear the definition, click the READ icon or press F3. Close the definition window – Click the X in the upper right corner, or press CTRL + F4.
8. Save your scanned documents if you wish. Click the SAVE icon or press CTRL + S. Name the document, press ENTER.
9. You may put a note in your document – press SHIFT + F5 or click the Note Icon, type a note, then close the note with SHIFT + F6. Later you may click on the note tag to read your note.
10. To scan a new document, click the NEW icon or CTRL + N.
11. To exit Kurzweil, Click on the X in the upper right corner or click FILE (ALT + F), then click EXIT (or press X). If you have an unsaved document open, the program will ask if you want to save it before exiting.