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What's new with JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion in 2023?

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Learning Objectives

- The participant will:
  - Practice three steps to access the What's New pages for JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion 2023.
  - List at least two new features of JAWS, ZoomText, or Fusion 2023.
- The participant will identify three keyboard commands for using the Notification History feature in JAWS and Fusion.
- The participant will review three keyboard commands for using the Smart Glance feature in JAWS and Fusion.
- The participant will list six steps for updating JAWS from within the Help menu.

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Challenges

- You might be experiencing issues finding information on how to download and install the updated software.

- What is available in the update?

- Those who use screen readers on Dell computers may have experienced stability issues.

- Finding key information that is highlighted visually on a website can be difficult without coding for accessibility.

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Tasks for Today

- Overview of JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion 2023

- Update to JAWS 2023

- Solution for instability issues when Dell Waves MaxxAudio is enabled

- Use Smart Glance

- Access the Notification History

- Get help in JAWS

- Use ZoomText Tethered View

Overview of JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion 2023

The JAWS screen reader provides speech and braille output.

The ZoomText screen magnifier provides onscreen magnification and enhancements.

Fusion provides both JAWS and ZoomText in one package.

JAWS users navigate with keyboard commands.

ZoomText is available as a magnifier and a magnifier/reader.

Run JAWS only, ZoomText only, both apps together, or as one app in the Fusion interface.

Update to JAWS 2023

- Download the updates of JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion from the Freedom Scientific website.

- Select the corresponding link under the web page heading **Software Releases**.

- If running JAWS 2022, update to 2023 from the JAWS **Help** menu.
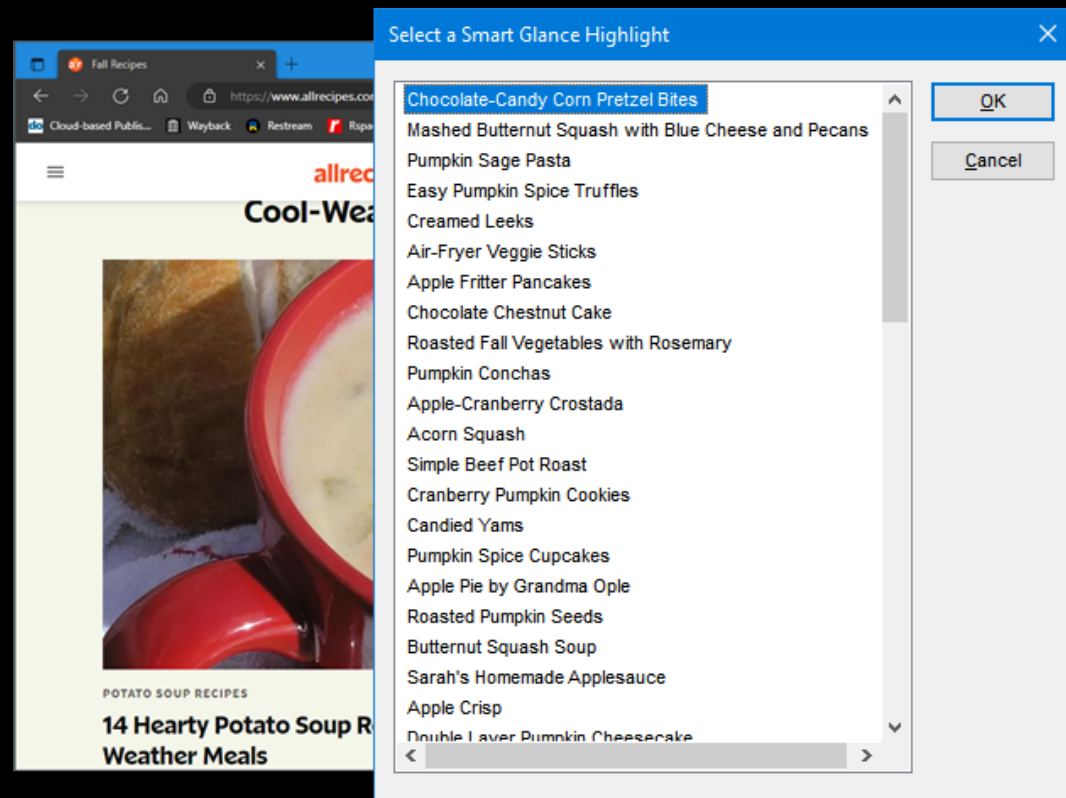
- Select **Check for Updates**.

Solution for Dell Waves MaxxAudio Issues

- Dell Waves MaxxAudio is an application frequently used on Dell computers to enhance audio performance.

- When using speech, many users encountered instability issues when this feature was turned on.

- These stability issues no longer exist when using JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion 2023.

- Users can choose to reenable the Dell Waves MaxxAudio feature.

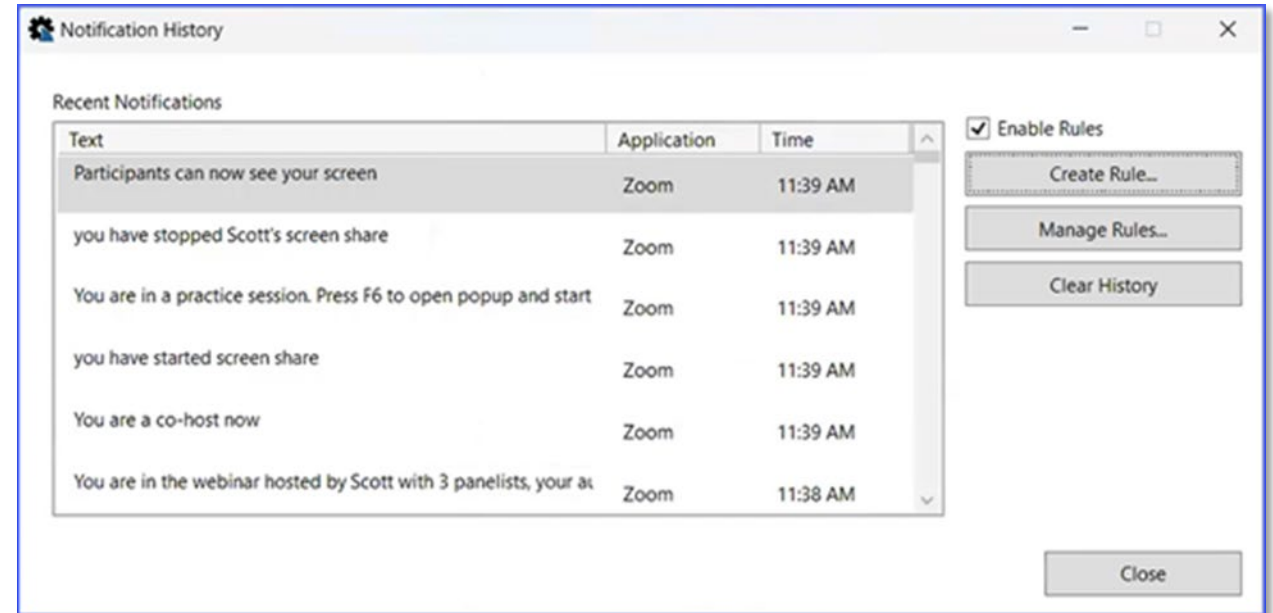Access Academy

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Use Smart Glance

- Web page developers often use colors or fonts to visually call attention to text on a page.

- This text may not be a web page element, such as a heading or link, that is easily navigable with JAWS.

- Smart Glance recognizes this text, which we call a glance highlight.

- Navigate forward to each glance highlight by pressing the letter **Y** or navigate backward by pressing **SHIFT+Y**.

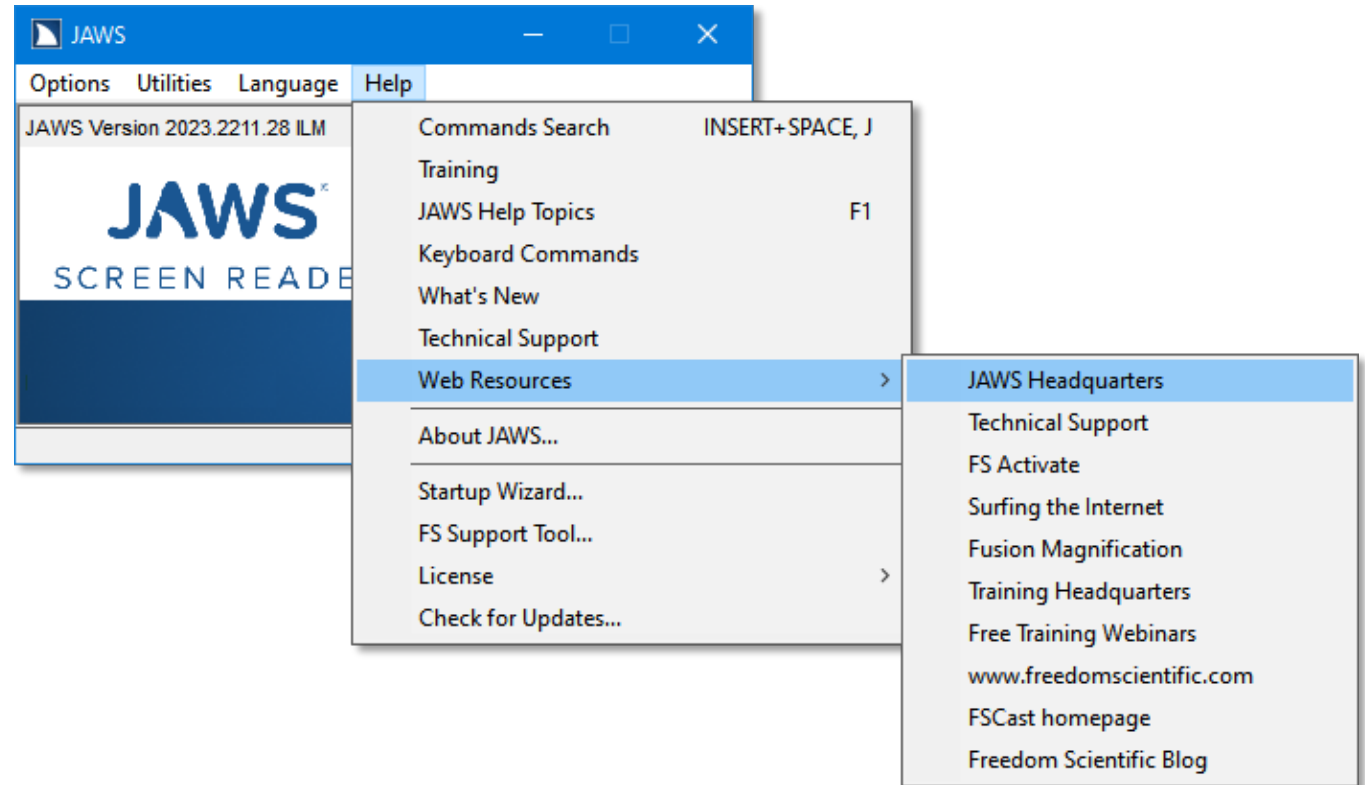- Press **CTRL+INSERT+Y** for a list of glance highlights on a page.

Access the Notification History

- Introduced in the June update of JAWS and Fusion 2022, Notification History helps you manage Windows and application notifications.

- Create rules that specify how you want to receive notifications.

- JAWS and Fusion 2023 offer improvements for managing notifications.

- Clear the notification history, review notification details, and name rules.
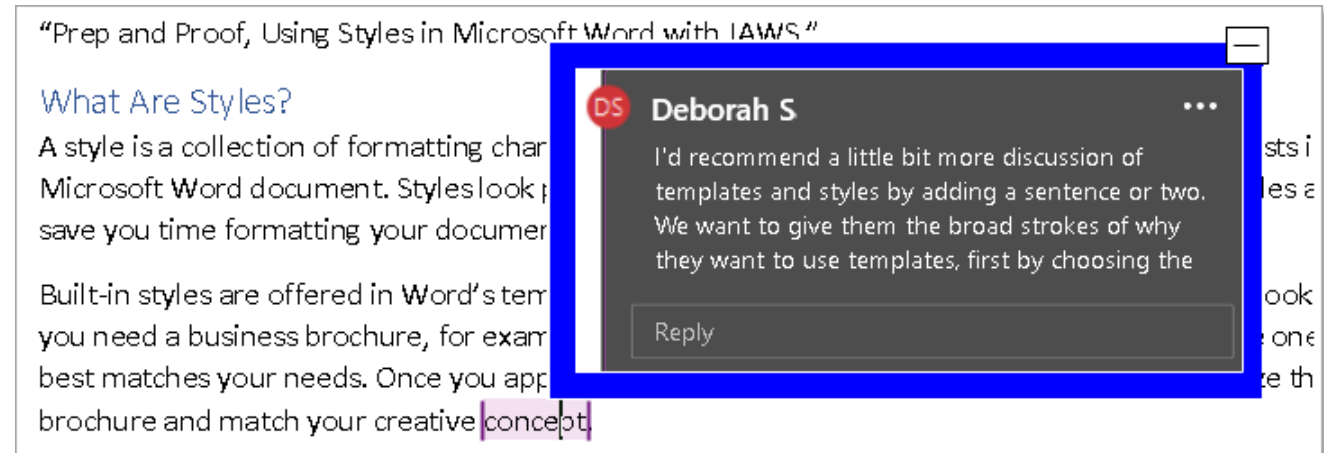

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Get Help in JAWS

- The JAWS Help menu offers resources for help topics, keyboard commands, and links to other training material to help you learn more about JAWS features.

- From the JAWS window, press **ALT+H** to access the Help menu.

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Use ZoomText Tethered View

- When using higher magnification levels in ZoomText and Fusion, an activity often occurs outside the magnified viewing area.

- Tethered View opens a window inside the magnified area, bringing that activity into view.

"Prep and Proof, Using Styles in Microsoft Word with JAWS."

What Are Styles?

A style is a collection of formatting char[...]
Microsoft Word document. Styles look [...]
save you time formatting your docume[...]

Built-in styles are offered in Word's tem[...]
you need a business brochure, for exam[...]
best matches your needs. Once you app[...]
brochure and match your creative concept.

Deborah S

I'd recommend a little bit more discussion of templates and styles by adding a sentence or two. We want to give them the broad strokes of why they want to use templates, first by choosing the

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More on Tethered View

Tethered View is available in Windows Start menu search, Word Comments pane, and Excel formula bar.

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Jupiter Portable Video Magnifier (Federal Quota Available)

Juno Handheld Video Magnifier (Federal Quota Available)

Video Mag HD Handheld Video Magnifier (Federal Quota Available)

Software Jaws, ZoomText, and Fusion Suite (Federal Quota Available)

Training Resources

- Thank you for joining us to learn about JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion 2023.

- Visit our training page at **www.freedomscientific.com/training**

- Send questions or feedback to training@vispero.com.

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Discoveries

- Smart Glance enables JAWS and Fusion users to quickly locate text that visually stands out on web pages.

- Dell users can now use the Waves Maxxaudio feature without experiencing instability. If you previously disabled this feature you can turn it back on!

- Using Tethered View makes it easier to interact with information that may be far from the magnified view.

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Freedom Scientific Software Suite: JAWS, Fusion, and ZoomText License

$300.00

JAWS Student License

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ZoomText Student License

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