

Comparing Technology for Scan and Read Tools PACER Simon Technology Center 2008

The PACER Simon Technology Center has compared the above four scan and read software programs to help consumers and families choose which program best suits their needs. This information is current as of November 2008, but is subject to change. It is not intended to endorse one product over the other. A reminder to always evaluate a program on the features required for the intended user.

FEATURE	KEY TO ACCESS	WYNN WIZARD	READ & WRITE GOLD	KURZWEIL 3000
Product Information				
Vendor	Premier Assistive Technology www.readingmadeez.com	Freedom Scientific www.freedomscientific.com/lsg	Text Help www.texthelp.com	Cambium Learning www.kurzweiledu.com
Technical Support	Phone: 815-927-7390 tech@readingmadeeasy.com	Phone: 800-444-4443 wynn@freedomscientific.com	Phone: 888-248-4947 support@texthelp.com	Phone: 800-894-5374 kurzweil3000support@ kurzweiledu.com
Recommended User Ability Level	5th grade and up	3rd grade and up	2nd grade and up	3rd grade and up
Price	\$349.95	\$995	\$645	\$1095 - \$1495
Version	9.3	5.1	8.1	11
Minimum Windows System Requirements	Windows XP or Vista 128MB RAM	Windows 2000, XP or Vista 128MB RAM	Windows 2000, XP or Vista 512MB RAM	Windows 2000, XP or Vista 256MB RAM
Voices	Cepstral	AT&T Natural Voices, IBM ViaVoice	RealSpeak Solo	RealSpeak Solo
Minimum Mac System Requirements	Not Available	Not Available	OS 10.2.8 or above 256MB RAM	OS X 10.3.9 or above 256MB RAM
General Information				
Customizable Toolbars		X	X	X
Free Demo	X	X	X	X
Free Upgrades	X	X	X	X
Scanning OCR	X	X	X	X

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Reading Tools				
Text-to-Speech	X	X	X	X
Voice Customization	X	X	X	X
Masking		X		X
Dictionary	X	X	X	X
Audible Syllable Recognition		X	X	X
Translator Tool			X	X
Visual Accommodations	X	X	X	X
Writing Tools				
Spell Checker	X	X	X	X
Phonetic Checker			X	X
Homophone Support		X	X	X
Thesaurus	X	X	X	X
Word Prediction	X	X	X	X
Speech Input			X	
Concept Mapping			X	X
Outlines		X	X	X

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Study Tools				
Voice Notes		X		X
Text Notes		X		X
Highlighting and Extracting	X	X	X	X
Bookmarks	X	X		X
Bibliography			X	
Test Taking			X	X
Additional Tools				
Calculator	X		X	X
Zone Editing		X		X
Web Access	X	X	X	X
E-Resources			X	X
MP3 & WAV Conversion	X	X	X	X
Daisy Reader	X	X	X	X
Screen Reading Capabilities	X	X	X	X
Teacher/Parental Controls		X	X	X
Multiple Users		X	X	X
Multiple Languages	X	X	X	X
Portable Devices	X		X	X