Win 10: Using Magnifier

My husband recently had eye surgery and I've had to utilize several Ease of Access features in Windows 10 so he can use his PC while his eye heals up.

One particularly useful feature is the Magnifier. Magnifier increases the size of everything on the screen. Even if you've increased text size on your PC, you still might have issues seeing pictures or videos or things on websites. This is a great tool if you're having vision issues, stuck working on a small tablet screen, or just need to look at something tiny.

Magnifier can run either full screen, act as a separate window, or follow your pointer or cursor around.

Here's how to access it. Open your Start Menu and choose Settings.

Then choose Ease of access.

Select Magnifier from the left pane.
You can choose to leave it turned on all the time or access it by pressing the Windows key and the + key. Turn it off by pressing the Windows key and the Esc. key.
Magnifier

Use Magnifier to zoom in on parts of your display. Magnifier can run in full screen, in a separate window, or as a lens that follows your mouse pointer around the screen.

Use Magnifier

Turn on Magnifier

- Off

Press the Windows logo key + Plus (+) to turn on Magnifier.
Press the Windows logo key + Esc to turn off Magnifier.

You have the option of having the Magnifier start automatically when the PC starts for all users or only after you have signed in. Some users may want the Magnifier at sign in to help through the process of signing in.

- Start Magnifier after sign-in
- Start Magnifier before sign-in for everyone

The zoom level can be adjusted between 100 and 1600% by clicking the plus and minus keys.

Change zoom level

- 100%

Press the drop-down arrow under Choose view to pick your preferences for the magnifying glass.
Choose between docked, full screen, or a lens.

Here's a regular screen.

Here's a 200% magnification set to full screen.
With the magnifier docked, the parts of the screen I'm hovering over display enlarged at the top.

With lens selected, parts of the screen are magnified as I move over them.
You can adjust the size of the lens.
The Magnifier can also be set to follow your mouse cursor, keyboard, text insertion point or the Narrator, if you're having text read to you.

Choose a view

Lens (Ctrl + Alt + L)

Press Ctrl + Alt + M to cycle through views.

Change lens size

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Have Magnifier follow:

- [ ] Mouse cursor
- [x] Keyboard focus
- [ ] Text insertion point
- [ ] Narrator cursor

Remember, to exit the magnifier, you can always hit the Windows key and Esc.

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