



MAGic

Adaptive Technology Lab - FAQs.



Q. What is MAGic?

A. MAGic is screen-magnification software, which magnifies computer screen content 1x to 16x the original image size.

Q. May I use MAGic?

A. MAGic is available to qualified Harvard Extension School students, who have been approved for access to the Adaptive Technology Lab. If you are interested in using the Church Street Computer Facility Adaptive Technology Lab, please see a User Assistant at the front desk.

Q. Can MAGic be used with other programs?

A. MAGic may be used with other computer applications.

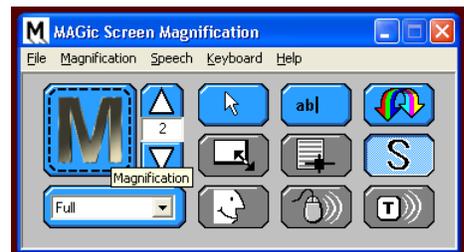
Q. How do I start using MAGic?

A. To begin using MAGic, launch the program by double clicking the desktop MAGic icon.



MAGic icon

MAGic pop-up menu appears. The screen content will display at the default magnification level.



MAGic pop-up menu

Toggle magnification on and off by clicking on the Magnification Button (large letter M) on the left-hand side of the MAGic pop-up menu. It is sometimes necessary to click forcefully.



Magnification button



Reset the magnification level by using the up and down arrows next to the Magnification Button.



Magnification button up and down arrows

Q. How are the MAGic pop-up box magnification buttons used?

A. The Magnified Views List (drop-down menu under the Magnification Button) allows several types of magnification display:



Full (the default)

Full (the default) magnifies the entire computer screen.



Lens

Lens magnifies an area within a rectangular, bordered area that is the lens. Using the **lens**, it is as though the content is being viewed through the lens. The **lens** may be moved around the computer screen. This allows the viewer to see the entire screen display, and to magnify desired areas by using the **lens** to move the cursor around the computer screen.



Overlay

Overlay creates a stationary magnified area. The computer screen is visible in the areas beyond the overlay, but not through it. The overlay is immovable, unlike the movable lens. Moving the cursor within the overlay repositions the screen content within the overlay. Menus and programs on the computer screen both within and outside the overlay may be activated using the cursor either inside or outside the overlay. Toggling the Magnification Button activates and deactivates the overlay display.



Split

Split shows the computer screen content in two identical, horizontally-stacked displays. The lower split is magnified, the upper split is displayed at the original size. Moving the cursor repositions the viewed content in both splits. Toggling the Magnification Button activates and deactivates the split display.



Dynamic

Dynamic lens magnifies and displays blocks of black behind the viewed content, magnifying and contrasting dynamic lens content. As with the lens described above, the dynamic lens may be moved around the screen using the cursor. The area within the dynamic lens is magnified. Toggling the Magnification Button activates and deactivates the dynamic lens display.

Q. Are other visual enhancements available in MAGic?

A. MAGic visual displays include mouse, cursor, color-and-contrast enhancements.



MAGic Mouse Enhancements Button

Q. What is the MAGic Mouse Enhancements Button (button with cursor image)?

A. The Mouse Enhancements Button toggles mouse pointer enhancement settings on and off. Mouse pointer enhancement makes the cursor more visible and so more easily maneuvered on the screen.

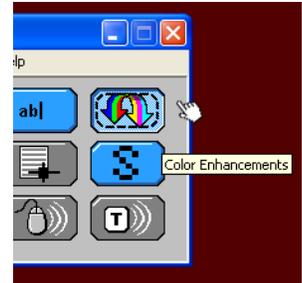


Cursor Enhancements Button



Q. What is the MAGic Cursor Enhancements Button (button with a b alphabet image)?

A. The Cursor Enhancements Button toggles cursor enhancement settings on and off. Cursor enhancement makes the cursor more visible when creating and editing text.



Color Enhancements Button

Q. What is the Color Enhancements Button (double arched rainbow-colored arrow)?

A. The Color Enhancements Button toggles color enhancements on and off. Color enhancements substitute high-contrast colors to increase visibility in magnification displays.

Q. Can the MAGic visual display be modified?

A. MAGic visual displays may be modified using the locator, smoothing, and resize buttons.



Locator Button

The **Locator Button** (lines with cross-hair) activates and deactivates the locator function.



Smoothing Button

The **Smoothing Button** (pixelated S) smoothes pixelated text at high magnifications.



Resize Button

The **Resize Button** allows you to change the dimensions of your magnified view. **Please note** that in order to deactivate the **Resize Button**, you must right click on either the Resize Button or the **Magnification Button**.

Q. How does MAGic work with word processing documents?

A. MAGic magnifies the word processing document according to the type of magnified view chosen from the Magnified Views List. Various magnification and speech buttons may be used, such as the Cursor Enhancements Button.

Q. How does MAGic work with other programs?

A. Launch MAGic and launch a secondary program (i.e., word processing, email) by double clicking on the program icons.

Q. How may I use MAGic work to create a text document?

A. MAGic magnifies the text document according to the type of magnified view chosen from the Magnified Views List. Various magnification and speech buttons may be used, such as the Cursor Enhancements Button.

Q. How may I use MAGic work read Web pages?

A. MAGic magnifies Web pages according to the type of magnified view chosen from the Magnified Views List. Various magnification and speech buttons may be used, such as the Cursor Enhancements Button.

Q. How may I use MAGic to read and write email?

A. MAGic magnifies the text document according to the type of magnified view chosen from the Magnified Views List. Various magnification and speech buttons may be used, such as the Cursor Enhancements Button. NB: the caps key does not work with MAGic turned on; instead, use the shift key.



MAGic Help menu

Q. How may I get more information about MAGic?

A. You may access MAGic help from the program Help menu. Please ask a User Assistant located at the front help desk of 53 Church Street Computer Lab if you would like further help.

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