



Dolphin SuperNova: Guide for Assessors 2024

About This Guide

[Dolphin SuperNova Guide for Assessors 2024](#) is an essential resource for Needs Assessors who have clients with visual impairments. This guide is relevant for higher education and workplace assessments.

Use this guide to:

- ✓ Learn how SuperNova helps your clients in education
- ✓ Learn how SuperNova benefits your clients in the workplace
- ✓ Explore the three SuperNova editions and find the right one for your client's level of sight
- ✓ Find out about Personal, Professional and Enterprise licencing
- ✓ Refresh your knowledge of SuperNova assistive technology and its latest features
- ✓ Discover how SuperNova can support your clients to read electronic and print documents, presentations, accessible books, websites and more
- ✓ Discover support and learning options available to help your clients get more from SuperNova



About SuperNova



SuperNova is a range of assistive technology software for people who are blind or partially sighted. It comes in three editions to offer customisable magnification, screen reading and braille support.

SuperNova enables your clients to explore their computer screen to read and navigate information in ways that suit their vision.

Compatible with a range of Windows devices, SuperNova supports all the key Windows applications. These include Microsoft Office, a range of web browsers, MS Teams and Adobe Reader.

System Requirements

Operating System	Windows 10 (32-bit or 64-bit) Windows 11
Computer & Processor	Required: 1.5 GHz Recommended: 2.0GHz multi-core CPU
Memory (RAM)	Required: 2GB for 32-bit; 4GB for 64-bit Recommended: 8GB
Hard disk	Required: 2GB Recommended: Solid State Drive (SSD)

About SuperNova Editions

SuperNova is available in three editions suitable for clients with different levels of sight. Use this simple overview of the core magnification and screen reading features to find the right edition for your client's needs.

SuperNova Magnifier



For low vision and partial sight.

Ideal for clients who:

- Can use a mouse or touchscreen but need to zoom in
- Prefer smooth text at larger sizes
- Are sensitive to text colours and contrasts

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Includes:

- ✓ Adjustable magnification
- ✓ Customisable colour schemes that boost contrast and reduce glare
- ✓ Touchscreen magnification
- ✓ Range of magnifier views
- ✓ Sharp text at all magnification sizes with True Fonts & Bold Fonts
- ✓ Choice of large, high contrast mouse pointers
- ✓ Connect a camera to magnify print documents and presentations on screen

About SuperNova Editions

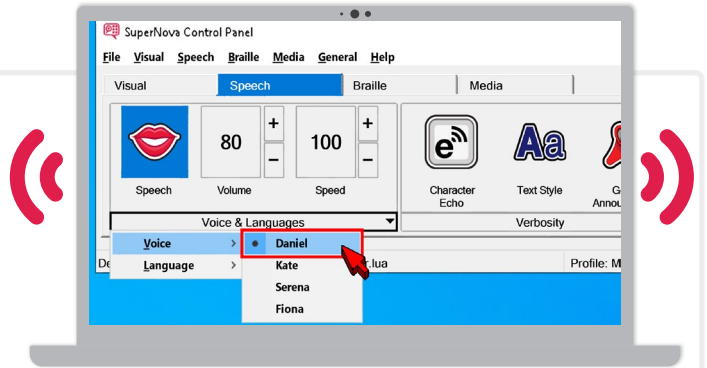
SuperNova Magnifier & Speech



For partial sight and fluctuating sight.

Ideal for clients who:

- Mostly use the mouse to explore the screen
- Need the option to listen to longer texts when eyes tire
- Need to be able to turn speech on and off as needed



Includes:

All features in SuperNova Magnifier, plus:

- ✓ Range of human-sounding voices
- ✓ Characters or words spoken as they are typed
- ✓ Options to read entire document, email or web page aloud
- ✓ Speak text under the mouse
- ✓ Basic screen reading to explore the screen with the keyboard
- ✓ Connect a scanner and read printed text with speech

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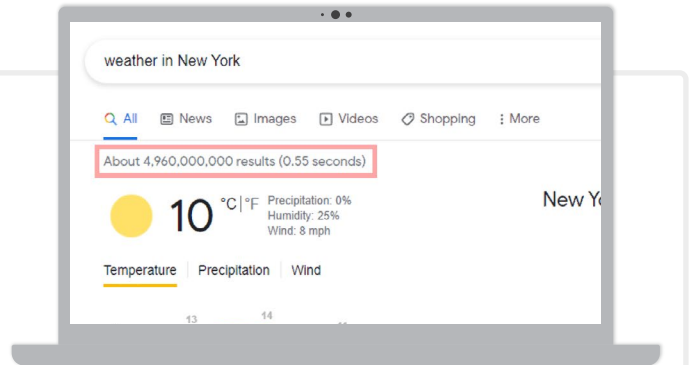
SuperNova Magnifier & Screen Reader



For partial sight, severe sight loss and progressive sight loss.

Ideal for clients who:

- Have sight that is deteriorating
- Often prefer to use the keyboard as well as the mouse to explore the screen
- Need the status of screen objects to be announced (e.g. checkbox selected)
- Are getting used to using a screen reader
- Are deaf-blind and want to start learning braille



Includes:

All features in SuperNova Magnifier & Speech, plus:

- ✓ Adjustable verbosity levels to choose the amount of information announced
- ✓ Text Style announcements that speak style information. Includes capital letters, blank lines, spelling and text formatting
- ✓ Explore the entire screen with a keyboard using Dolphin Cursor
- ✓ Quick Navigation keys to explore the screen. Jump to headings, links, buttons and more
- ✓ Read text on screen with braille. Over 60 braille display models are supported



TIP: If you are supporting a client who is blind and does not require magnification, explore Dolphin ScreenReader at www.YourDolphin.com/ScreenReader

About SuperNova Licencing

SuperNova is available in three licence types. These allow SuperNova to be used across different settings. Use the comparison below to find which licence type your client needs.



Personal Licence

- ✓ Ideal for DSA Assessments
- ✓ Available as single user licence
- ✓ Licenced to an individual or student
- ✓ Choose your SuperNova edition



Professional Licence

- ✓ Ideal for ATW Assessments
- ✓ Available as single and multi-user licences
- ✓ Licenced to an organisation
- ✓ Includes all SuperNova editions
- ✓ MSIs available for local networks



Enterprise Licence

- ✓ Ideal for company-wide DEI
- ✓ Available as single and multi-user licences
- ✓ Licenced to an organisation
- ✓ Includes all SuperNova editions
- ✓ Supports wider distribution across remote networks
- ✓ Verified as Citrix Ready®

Accessibility Features

Explore more useful features in SuperNova and find out how they can empower your clients to read more at university or work.



Magnify print and whiteboards with Connect & View



The Connect & View feature enables your clients to connect a camera and turn their laptop into a video magnifier. They are also able to view presentations from a digital whiteboard on their own screen. Once connected, clients can view the camera or whiteboard content on their screen with magnification and alternative colour schemes. Or, with a speech edition they can listen to the text read aloud.



Read printed text with Scan & Read

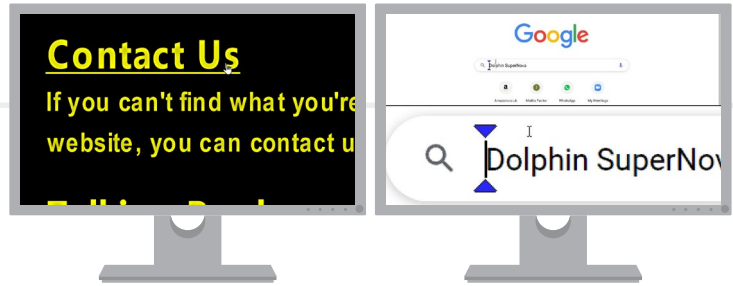


Available in Speech and Screen Reader editions of SuperNova. Scan & Read enables your clients to read text from printed documents, PDFs and digital image files. Your clients can also annotate scanned documents with notes and highlights. This makes it easy to complete worksheets and fill in forms.

Accessibility Features



Boost productivity with multiple monitors

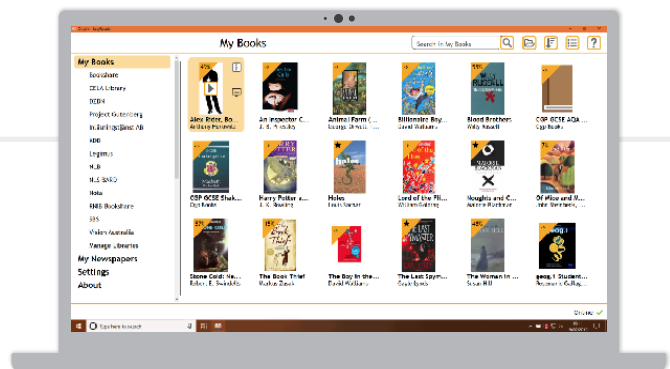


SuperNova enables your clients to use multiple monitors to display and magnify information.

Display separate applications on different screens (e.g. Word on one screen, Excel on another). Alternatively, stretch a document across screens, mirror the same information on different screens with independent settings, or magnify speaker notes while displaying presentation slides to sighted colleagues.



Open a world of accessible books with Dolphin EasyReader



EasyReader App is included with all editions of SuperNova.

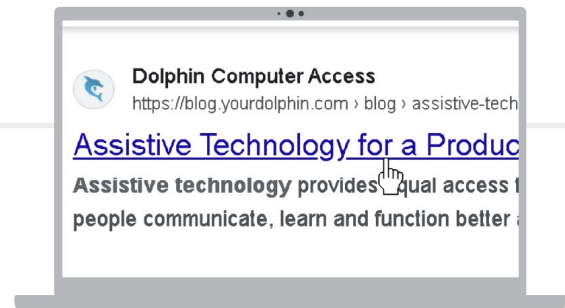
It enables your clients to browse accessible libraries such as RNIB Bookshare, Calibre Audio, RNIB Reading Services and RNIB Newsagent on their computer. Clients with an active Software Maintenance Agreement (SMA) for SuperNova also receive a free EasyReader Premium Personal Subscription.

New In SuperNova 23

The team at Dolphin regularly delivers new features in SuperNova to help your clients work productively and learn effectively. Improvements in SuperNova 23 include:

Improved text smoothing for webpages and web apps

Improvements to the text smoothing experience means that text on web pages and in web apps such as Microsoft Teams is easier for your clients to read, even at the highest magnification levels. Remember, clients continue to benefit from even clearer text with True Font text smoothing in the latest releases of Microsoft 365.



Improved speech announcements

SuperNova now provides more relevant announcements for spelling, spreadsheets, document reviews, tables, textboxes and more. For example, in Excel spreadsheets, the speech now announces the column and cell coordinates when navigating to different cells. This makes it easier for clients to explore the screen with speech.



Privacy screen

A new Privacy Screen feature enables braille and screen reader users to hide the contents of the screen at the touch of a button. This means the contents of the screen can be kept confidential, while your clients continue to access the information with speech and braille.

New In SuperNova 23



Improvements to Hotkey sets

SuperNova 23 includes a range of improvements to help clients use relevant Hotkey functions. A new Layered Hotkey mode makes it easier for clients to discover SuperNova functions without leaving their application. Improvements to the competitor Hotkey sets make it easier for clients to move to SuperNova from a different magnifier or screen reader.



New Braille settings

The latest release of SuperNova includes a range of improvements for clients who use braille. This includes options to:

- Perform Hotkey commands using the input keys on the braille display
- Indicate column headings in braille when exploring spreadsheets and tables



Find out what else is new

SuperNova 23 also includes a range of improvements to offer continued support for Microsoft 365 and Microsoft rolling updates. Visit the Dolphin website for a complete version history of SuperNova.

Get More From SuperNova

SuperNova USB

SuperNova is also available as a portable USB version.

If your clients travel for work, hot desk or move around a university campus, SuperNova USB provides instant magnification, speech and screen reading on any compatible Windows device. Your clients can use SuperNova USB guest mode for instant magnification and speech, or install a driver on the device for full access to all SuperNova features.

Find out more at YourDolphin.com/SuperNova-USB



Keep your clients up-to-date

Keeping your client's assistive technology up-to-date has become more important than ever. Software companies including Microsoft are now delivering regular, rolling updates to applications, browsers and operating systems. These updates often include new features, bug fixes, security patches and even changes to accessibility standards.

Protect your clients from future changes with a three-year Software Maintenance Agreement (SMA) from Dolphin. This provides peace of mind that your client's SuperNova licence will keep pace with Windows 11 as it evolves, and continues to deliver the accessibility they need throughout their time at university and in the workplace.

Find out more about SMA at: YourDolphin.com/SuperNova/SMA



Useful Resources



Online course: SuperNova for Assessors

Learn SuperNova at your own pace or refresh your knowledge, with a series of bite-size lessons.

The SuperNova for Assessors course takes a total of 4 hours to complete. Take a quiz to get a certificate for your CPD records.

[learn.YourDolphin.com/
SuperNova-for-Assessors-Course](https://learn.YourDolphin.com/SuperNova-for-Assessors-Course)



Onboarding for your clients

Are your clients new to SuperNova? Or looking to refresh their knowledge? The SuperNova for You courses provide a series of bite-size lessons to help your clients learn their chosen edition of SuperNova.

learn.YourDolphin.com/for-you



Request a free SuperNova Assessor licence

Assessors that have completed training are welcome to a free SuperNova licence. It's ideal for demonstrating SuperNova to your clients. Request a licence at:

[info.YourDolphin.com/
Assessors-Resources](https://info.YourDolphin.com/Assessors-Resources)

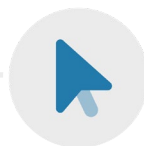


The latest pricing information

To ensure your assessment team has access to the latest prices for SuperNova, request an up-to-date price list from the Sales team.

Email:

sales@YourDolphin.com



Further resources for Assessors

To find out more about how Dolphin products benefit your clients in education, the workplace and at home, visit:

YourDolphin.com/Assessors

About Dolphin



Dolphin assistive technology products are designed to improve accessibility and independence on computers for people with a wide range of vision impairments.

This includes screen readers for people who are blind, and magnification and speech products for people who have partial sight and low vision.

Dolphin also develops technology to assist neurodivergent readers. Accessible reading technology from Dolphin - in partnership with accessible libraries around the world - is used by book lovers and students with dyslexia, as well as people with visual impairments or other print impairments.

Dolphin products are all designed to enable your clients to reach their full potential in education and the workplace, and to maintain their independence at home.

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