

JAWS – Shortcuts for navigating PDFs

Introduction

In general, accessible PDFs can be navigated using the same JAWS commands used for moving around a website. Not all PDFs will contain as many elements as a webpage (ie: text boxes, buttons). Additionally, not all PDFs are accessible. For example, older PDFs may have been scanned as images and thus cannot be navigated using JAWS commands.



Adobe Acrobat PDF

List of commands

Task		JAWS keystroke / command
1	Move focus to start of page	Ctrl + Home
2	Next Heading	H
3	List of all headings on a page	Insert + F6
4	Next Link	L
5	List of all links on a page	Insert + F7
6	Next Paragraph	P
7	Find a Graphic / image	G
8	Find Table	T
9	Find Check Box	X
10	Find Edit Box	E
11	Previous element (i.e.: move focus backwards)	Shift + G, H, P, etc.