

Screen Magnification on Tablet Technology

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Introduction

This will be a really short document!

The Windows XP system magnification component, Magnifier is not usable on a tablet if you have a visual disability. It is awkward to anchor at the bottom of the screen. When you do manage to get it anchored, it conflicts with the Input Panel and you either have access to one or the other, but not both. I tried this with only 2x magnification. I couldn't get to the point of using handwriting because the Magnifier Window blocked the Input Panel.

With the release of ZoomText 8.1.4 and my installation of Windows SP2 which now includes the updates to the Windows XP Tablet Pc operating system, access for filenames has improved. However, I still can not effectively use the handwriting tool. The digital pen in my hand and the cursor point on the screen are not synchronized. AiSquared has no immediate plans to work on this.

I can use an external mouse, or a mouse on the touch pad of my external keyboard, to use "mouse movements on the screen, and these are synchronized. It is when I switch to the digital pen and try to use it as a pointing device or handwriting pen, that the disconnect is a barrier to access.

I tried this starting at 2x magnification moving all the way down to 1x magnification incrementally. At 1x magnification, I could use the Input panel to enter handwriting or use the on-screen keyboard and have speech support – BUT if I need magnification, I am pretty much shut out of accessing these tools

MAGic is still unusable with a tablet operating system/computer..

We need to advocate for access to tablet technology for those of us who use screen magnification – full use of handwriting, screen orientation, use of the on-screen keyboard, and the ability to use the digital pen instead of external mice to navigate the tablet.

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