

ZoomText 11.4 Release Announcements

Version 11.4 for Windows 10, 8.1 and 7

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Improved support for Google Chrome

The 11.4 release of ZoomText delivers three major improvements for using ZoomText with Google Chrome.

- ZoomText now works with both 64-bit and 32-bit versions of Chrome, whereas previous versions of ZoomText only worked with the 32-bit version of Chrome.
- ZoomText now provides high quality smoothing of magnified text that is consistent and reliable with each release of Chrome.
- ZoomText's "Smart Invert" feature is now available in Chrome allowing you to see photographs in their natural colors when using ZoomText's Invert Brightness or Invert Colors effects.

Important note about ZoomText's reading tools in Google Chrome 59

Changes in Google Chrome 59 have broken the reading tools in ZoomText 11 (AppReader and Reading Zones). The Chrome development team is aware of these problems and expects to have this fixed in Google Chrome 60, which is scheduled for release in July 2017.

Improved support for Mozilla Firefox

The 11.4 release of ZoomText delivers two major improvements for using ZoomText with Mozilla Firefox.

- ZoomText now works with both 64-bit and 32-bit versions of Firefox, whereas previous versions of ZoomText only worked with the 32-bit version of Firefox.
- ZoomText now provides high quality smoothing of magnified text that is consistent and reliable with each release of Firefox.

New ZoomText Layered Command Keys banner and sound cues

When using ZoomText's Layered Command Keys feature, a new banner and sound cues now provide visual and audible indication that the layered command keys are active and a visual display of each command layer and command that you use. The size and color of the Layered Command Keys banner and the sound cues can be customized in the Banner Settings dialog by choosing ZoomText > Command Keys > Banner Settings.

ZoomText toolbar now appears correctly when using custom text size settings

When using Windows custom text size settings (DPI) or the Windows Classic theme with larger font sizes, the ZoomText toolbar would not scale properly and a portion of the toolbar controls would be missing. The ZoomText toolbar now appears properly when using these settings.

“Welcome to ZoomText 11” window now appears correctly when using custom text size settings

When using Windows custom text size settings (DPI), the “Welcome to ZoomText 11” window would scale up and exceed the size of the screen. This would make the window inaccessible. This window now scales without exceeding the boundaries of the screen.

Application Settings now detect the correct target application

When attempting to use ZoomText’s Application Settings, ZoomText would fail to detect the correct target application; that is, the last application that had focus. Instead, ZoomText would always present Windows Explorer as the detected application. This problem has been fixed.

Improved xFont magnification in Windows Start menu, Cortana and universal applications

In Windows 10 and 8.1, ZoomText xFont magnification is now more complete and reliable in the Windows Start menu, Cortana, and universal applications such as News, Weather and Money.

Cursor enhancement now reliably displayed in IE11

In Internet Explorer 11 (IE11), ZoomText’s Cursor Enhancement would sometimes fail to appear in webpage form controls. This problem has been fixed.

AppReader navigation is more reliable in IE11

When using AppReader in IE11, the commands for navigating by word, line, sentence and paragraph are now more reliable.

Startups are now much faster in AppReader’s Text View

When launching AppReader into Text View, the captured text now appears and begins reading much faster than in previous versions of ZoomText. Typical startup times have been reduced from 20 seconds to 2 seconds.

AppReader keyboard commands are now more reliable

On certain systems, ZoomText’s AppReader commands would intermittently fail to work, requiring multiple attempts to execute the commands. This problem has been fixed.

Imported hotkeys are now saved with ZoomText configuration

After importing hotkeys and saving them to the ZoomText configuration, when ZoomText was restarted the imported hotkeys would not be loaded. This problem has been fixed.

ZoomText now aborts starting up when MAGic is running

When starting ZoomText, if the MAGic screen magnification software is already running, ZoomText will gracefully exit.

ZoomText now tracks spoken words when reading in OpenBook

When using ZoomText with OpenBook (scan and read software), ZoomText now tracks each spoken word when OpenBook is reading.

Improved compatibility for KeePass Password Safe

When running ZoomText with KeyPass Password Safe, an open source password manager, KeyPass could become unstable and crash. This problem has been fixed.

Improved compatibility with Mozilla Thunderbird

After running ZoomText with Mozilla Thunderbird (version 45 and later), and then exiting ZoomText, Thunderbird could become unstable and crash, and then fail to restart. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for ZoomText UI improperly staying on top of other application windows

In a variety of situations, the ZoomText user interface would remain on top of other application windows that had received focus. This would occur even when ZoomText's "Keep toolbar on top of other windows" option was not enabled. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for feature keys not working when using the v4 ZoomText Keyboard software

When using the v4 ZoomText Keyboard software with ZoomText 11, the feature keys would intermittently stop working and could only be restored by restarting Windows. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for a fragment of the ZoomText toolbar remaining on the screen after minimizing

In certain situations, when minimizing the ZoomText toolbar, a fragment of the toolbar would remain visible on the screen and obscure other application windows. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for multiple errors appearing when attempting to launch the ZoomText Finder tool

When repeated attempts to launch the ZoomText Finder failed, multiple instances of the same error message would appear. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for ZoomText Finder crashing when opening the Finder's List View

In the ZoomText Finder feature, opening the List View would sometimes cause ZoomText to freeze or crash. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for hang when attempting to exit the ZoomText Finder

In certain situations, when attempting to exit the ZoomText Finder by clicking the close box on the title bar, the Finder would hang for a long period of time before finally exiting. In some cases a "ZoomText 11 is not responding" error would appear. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for ZoomText Finder starting up in an unresponsive state

When launching the ZoomText Finder by using the Finder hotkey, Caps Lock + Ctrl + F, the Finder would sometimes startup in an unresponsive state. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for no magnification and screen flicker after reconfiguring the orientation of desktops

On a multiple monitor system, if you exited ZoomText and then reconfigured the orientation of the primary and extended desktops (for example, moving desktop 1 from the left side of desktop 2 to the right side), when attempting to restart ZoomText, magnification would not become active and the screen would flicker. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for Layered Command Mode not exiting when disabling ZoomText

When the Layered Command Mode was active, if you disabled ZoomText and then re-enabled ZoomText, the Layered Key Command Mode would still be active. The Layered Key Command Mode is now fully exited when disabling ZoomText.

ZoomText Camera now properly starts up after disconnecting secondary monitors

When the ZoomText Camera had been used with multiple monitors, if the secondary monitor was detached or disabled leaving only a single monitor active, the camera would fail to restart. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for crashes when exiting ZoomText while the ZoomText Camera is active

When the ZoomText Camera feature was active, if you disabled and re-enabled ZoomText, ZoomText would sometimes crash. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for the system hanging when exiting the ZoomText Camera from the Windows 7 taskbar

In Windows 7, when the ZoomText Camera feature was active, if you right-clicked on the ZoomText Camera button (in the Windows taskbar) and selected Close Window, the system would hang. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for temporary freeze of the Windows desktop when using Windows Task View

When ZoomText was running, pressing Windows + Tab or selecting the Task View button to access the Windows Task View would cause the system to freeze for 30 to 40 seconds. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for crash when attempting to start the Windows Calculator

When attempting to start the Windows Calculator with ZoomText was running, the Calculator app would sometimes crash. This problem has been fixed.

Fix for improper display and reading of special Czech/Slovak characters in AppReader and DocReader

When using ZoomText's AppReader and DocReader, special characters used in the Czech and Slovak languages were not properly processed. As a result words containing these characters would become split into segments and incorrectly displayed and spoken. This problem has been fixed.

Refinements to ZoomText localization (various languages)

A collection of language translation issues have been resolved in localized versions of ZoomText. These issues include refinements to dialog layouts and access keys, and problems with controls not being echoed properly.

Fix for typing extended ANSI characters using Alt + Numpad keys

When ZoomText was running, attempts to insert extended ANSI characters using the Alt + Numpad did not work. This problem has been fixed.

Cancel button now working properly in the Voice Settings dialog

In ZoomText's Voice Settings dialog box, clicking the Cancel button would save any changes made in the dialog. Changes should only be saved when clicking the OK button. This problem has been fixed.

New setting to re-enable display of the Welcome to ZoomText 11 window

By default, when starting ZoomText the "Welcome to ZoomText 11" window appears, displaying information and commands that are useful to new users. This window can be disabled by selecting the "Don't show me this again" checkbox that appears in the window. You can now re-enable display of the window by selecting the "Display the Welcome window when ZoomText starts" in the Program Preferences dialog box.

"Keep toolbar on top of other windows" now works properly

When enabling the "Keep toolbar on top of other windows" option in ZoomText's User Interface Preferences, the ZoomText toolbar now reliably stays on top of other application windows.

"Prompt to confirm intent to exit" setting now works properly with "Save ZoomText settings automatically"

In the Program Preference settings, enabling the option to "Save ZoomText settings automatically when exiting" would cause the option to "Prompt to confirm intent to exit ZoomText" to not appear when exiting ZoomText. This problem has been fixed.

Restore Factory Defaults command now restores the Freeze window settings

When executing the Restore Factory Defaults command, the Freeze window settings were not restored. This problem has been fixed.

The folders and files for ZoomText's hotkey configurations has been reorganized

The organization and naming of ZoomText's hotkey configuration files have been refined to improve usability. These folder and files appear when selecting "Import Hotkeys" in ZoomText's Command Keys dialog box.
