TECHTALK

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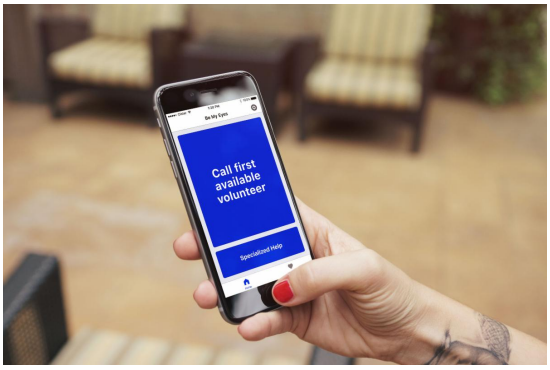
What is Seeing Ai?

Seeing AI is an artificial intelligence application developed by Microsoft for iOS. Seeing AI uses the device's camera to identify people and objects, and then the app audibly describes those objects for people with visual impairment. Seeing AI is primarily used to describe short text, documents, products, people, currency scenery, colors, handwriting and light. The app can scan a barcode to describe a product and uses sounds to assist the user in focusing on the barcode. Seeing Ai is available for download and use on Apple iPhone and iPad. For more information, contact the Society.

What is Be My Eyes?



Be My Eyes is a mobile app that aims to help blind and visually impaired people to recognize objects and cope with everyday situations. An online community of sighted volunteers receive photos or videos from randomly assigned affected individuals and assist via live chat. Need immediate visual assistance? Make a video call with be my eyes for instant help. Be My Eyes integrates with Siri so you can call a volunteer using vocal commands. For more information, contact the Society.

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Video Tutorial

Amazon Alexa

Alexa is virtual assistant technology. It is capable of many tasks such as voice interaction, music playback, making to-do lists, setting alarms, streaming podcasts, playing audiobooks, providing weather, traffic, sports, and other real-time information, such as news, making phone calls, controlling smart home devices, and more. Alexa performs each of these tasks using automatic speech recognition; allowing a user to simply say "Alexa" followed by the task they wish the device to perform. View the video below to see how Alexa can identify household objects like canned goods using the echo show device.

Alexa, What Am I Holding?

Missouri Assistive Technology

Missouri Assistive Technology offers a variety of programs for individuals with disabilities or for individuals experiencing age related changes. Each program plays a role in finding the right match for the individual. In State FY 2022, Missouri Assistive Technology provided 6,729 assistive devices and delivered support services to 19,443 Missourians with disabilities, family members, and professionals. Through this program, individuals and/or their support teams are allowed to try and compare assistive technology devices before purchasing them. The mission of Missouri Assistive Technology is to increase access to and acquisition of assistive technology and related services.

Learn More

Financial Assistance for Tech Devices

The Missouri Council of the Blind will cover up to 50% of the cost of devices for eligible members through their adaptive technology program. For more information on this program, visit the link below.

MCB Adaptive Technology Program

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Find helpful technology tips for common devices and programs here:

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