Tech Talk Tuesday

Splitting JAWS Audio Into Left or Right Headphones

JAWS has enhanced their software to allow users a way to isolate the audio in one ear and isolate the JAWS output in the other. This works with video conferencing software Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

Directions to cycle isolate JAWS audio:

1. Press INSERT+SPACEBAR to activate the command layer.
2. Press V to activate the volume layer, then B for Balance.
3. Press the RIGHT ARROW key to send JAWS speech to the right ear and audio from all other applications to the left, or the LEFT ARROW key to do the opposite.
4. When you want to restore balance, press INSERT+SPACEBAR, then V, B, followed by UP ARROW.

FACE VIEW IN JAWS 2024

Video calls have become a standard form of communication in the workplace, in schools, and in personal relationships. Before joining a video call, you want to make sure your setup is right and the camera is correctly focused on you. The new Face in View™ feature helps with
this by alerting you to key visual details like:

- Is my face centered in the view?
- Am I looking directly at the camera?
- Is the lighting adequate?
- Are there additional items in the picture??

To activate Face in View, press the layered

keystroke, INSERT+SPACEBAR, followed by F, and then O.

Once enabled, Face in View continually monitors your face position and the lighting level. If anything changes, such as tilting your head left or right, or a decrease in brightness, you are automatically alerted.

When focused in the Face in View application window, you can also use TAB or the ARROW keys to review information such as the position of your face in the picture, the current brightness level, and the camera in use.

Note: Face in View is not currently available during an active video call as it needs complete access to the camera.

While Face in View is active, the following layered keystrokes are available:
- Select a different camera (if multiple cameras are available): INSERT+SPACEBAR, F, C. Once in the Camera layer, use UP or DOWN ARROW to cycle through your cameras and press ESC to exit the layer once you've selected the one you want to use.
- Say detailed description, including face position and brightness: INSERT+SPACEBAR, F, D.
- Say brightness level: INSERT+SPACEBAR, F, L.
- Say background description: INSERT+SPACEBAR, F, P.
- Adjust face detection confidence level: INSERT+SPACEBAR, F, U. This is useful when encountering sporadic "no face detected" messages, even without any movement. The default and recommended detection confidence level is 75 percent. However, raising the detection confidence level to 80 percent or lowering it to 70 percent can improve consistency and allows you to fine-tune face recognition in your specific environment.

Note: The INSERT+SPACEBAR, F, P command is designed to identify potential items in your background using PictureSmart. However, it's important to understand that the accuracy of results may differ. While background descriptions might not always be completely precise, the intention is to offer hints about what's within your camera view.

Once you have verified your face is correctly centered in the camera view and the brightness level is good, press INSERT+SPACEBAR, F, O to turn off Face in View prior to

activating your video call.

MoAT TAP Internet Program

TAP for Internet program provides to Missourians who cannot use traditional computer equipment, the adaptive computer equipment necessary for basic access to the internet and e-mail. The program provides such equipment as screen enlargement software, screen readers, adaptive keyboards or alternative pointing devices such as trackballs or rollerballs. The TAP-I program provides consumer support during the selection and initial usage of the adaptive equipment.

What are the Eligibility Requirements?
To qualify for the Telecommunications Access Program, the applicant must:

- Be certified by a licensed physician, audiologist, speech pathologist, hearing instrument specialist or qualified agency as unable to use traditional telecommunications equipment or computer equipment due to disability;
- Be a resident of the state of Missouri;
- Have access to basic telephone service for TAP-T; have a computer and internet service for TAP-I. For the TAP Wireless pilot, you must have WiFi access or mobile phone service (depending on selected equipment).
- Meet financial income standards (Generally, the applicant's have an annual adjusted household income under $60,000 for two people; with $5,000 being added for each additional dependent.)

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.

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