Athabasca University,

Access to Students with Disabilities

Adobe Reader X: Accessibility Features

Zoom, Document Reflow, Background & Font Colours, Reading PDFs Aloud

Changing preferences

• Open Adobe Acrobat Reader (or open a PDF which will open Adobe Reader for you)

To set default zoom level

- 1) Click on the **Edit** menu
- 2) Click on **Preferences** (at the bottom of the menu)
- 3) At the left hand side of the window there is a list of Categories click on **Page Display**
- 4) Use the drop down box next to **Zoom** to choose the zoom level you want
- 5) Click OK

To set Reflow as default

- 1) Click on the **Edit** menu
- 2) Click on **Preferences** (at the bottom of the menu)
- 3) Under Categories click on Accessibility
- 4) Put a tick next to **Always use Zoom Setting** and change the drop down box to **Reflow**
- 5) Click OK

Some documents may not display correctly with reflow on. To temporarily turn it off:

- 1) Open the View menu
- 2) Go to **Zoom** then click on **Reflow** to turn it off.
- 3) You can turn it back on in the same way

To change background and font colour

- 1) Click on the **Edit** menu
- 2) Click on **Preferences** (at the bottom of the menu)
- 3) Under Categories click on Accessibility
- 4) Put a tick next to **Replace Document Colours**
- 5) Choose Custom Colour
- 6) Choose the Page Background and Document Text colours

7) Click **OK**

Reading PDFs

You must activate Read Out Loud before you can use it.

To switch Read Out Loud on

• From the View menu, choose Read Out Loud then Activate Read Out Loud or press Shift+Ctrl+Y

To switch Read Out Loud off

• From the View menu, choose Read Out Loud then Deactivate Read Out Loud or press Shift+Ctrl+Y

To change reading voice

- 1) Click on the **Edit** menu
- 2) Click on **Preferences** (at the bottom of the menu)
- 3) Choose the **Reading** category
- 4) Choose a voice from the **Voice** drop down list the list of voices available to you will depend on what you have installed on your PC. If you have ScanSoft, Daniel is a good voice.
- 5) Click OK

Read a PDF with Read Out Loud

- 1) Go to the page in the PDF you want to read
- 2) From the View menu, choose Read Out Loud
- 3) Choose Read This Page Only or press Shift+Ctrl+V
- 4) Or choose Read To End Of Document or press Shift+Ctrl+B

To stop reading out loud

- 1) From the View menu, choose Read Out Loud
- 2) Choose Pause or press Shift+Ctrl+C
- 3) Choose Stop or press Shift+Ctrl+E

Contact ASD's Assistive Technologist

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