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Use Screen Reader & Keyboard Shortcuts

One in four adults in the United States has a disability. Users with varying degrees of visual, cognitive, auditory, speech, and motor disabilities have vastly different experiences with the same content. To accommodate different users, QualityNet Slack works to be accessible to all. Today's Slack 508 Accessibility series topic is: **Screen readers & Keyboard Shortcuts**.

Screen Readers

Screen readers are a form of assistive technology that take visual screens from software, websites, mobile applications, or documents and convert them into audio output that people with vision loss can perceive, operate, and understand.

NonVisual Desktop Access, NVDA, is a free screen reader available to use on QualityNet Slack. With it, you have the ability to navigate conversations, read messages, and access information in your sidebar from the Slack desktop app and Slack in a web browser. It is strongly encouraged to *use Slack's desktop applications when utilizing a screen reader rather than using it in a web browser* if possible.

You can customize your screen reader experience in the **Accessibility** section of **Preferences** by adjusting the following settings:

- Select a message format to determine the order that information is announced.
- Choose your ARIA application role usage.
- Choose to play a sound when you send a message while inside a DM (Direct Message).
- Choose to play a sound when you receive a DM while inside a DM.
- Choose to announce incoming messages while inside a DM.

Keyboard Shortcuts

If you use your keyboard to get around, there are shortcuts to help you navigate quickly from one area in QualityNet Slack to another. Shortcuts can be used by all QualityNet Slack users in addition to those using screen readers.

To view a list of all available keyboard shortcuts, press (Mac) or (Windows/Linux) from Slack on your desktop. You can also access a handy pdf, [CCSQ QualityNet Slack Keyboard Shortcuts](#), with some often used shortcuts on our Slack Confluence space Resources page.

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