

Openbook Scan & Read

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Features

- Converts printed material to electronic format which can be read by speech engines. ViaVoice and RealSpeak software synthesizers are installed with Openbook
- Uses Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to produce editable text from scanned documents; OCR translates the scanned information into text.
- Provides low-vision tools

To start Openbook

- a. Double-click the Openbook icon on the desktop
- b. Click Start > All Programs > Openbook
- c. Press Ctrl + Alt + O (hotkey)

When you scan or open a document, Openbook begins reading and highlights the text in read-only mode. Edit mode allows you to make corrections. Press Ctrl + E to edit file.

*Press the **Ctrl** key to silence speech

To scan & read a printed document

1. Start Openbook
2. Place document face-down on the scanner
3. From the Openbook menu, select **File > New**
4. Select **Scan > Scan a Page** to scan the document.

A dialog box appears informing you of the translation progress. Openbook then displays the material and begins reading as words are highlighted.

The three scanning keys are 1) num pad Ins 2) spacebar 3) F4

*On the Scan menu, Buckscan is used to recognize the denomination of currency

Key Points

- Scanned documents will require editing to correct misrecognized characters and missing punctuation.
- Text columns and margin notes may be out of sequence.
- Some font styles, color backgrounds and text graphics do not translate well; images will not scan as text.
- Ensure the document is placed flat on the scanner surface.
- Be sure the scanner surface is clean.

Openbook shortcut keys

Say all	num pad Enter or F12
Speech toggle	Ctrl + F5
Stop speaking	Press Ctrl key
Help	F1, select topic, press Enter
Reading speed	Ctrl + 1 decrease, Ctrl + 2 increase
Scan	Press F4
Adjust settings	Alt + G
Edit mode	Ctrl + E

To save your work

1. Click **File > Save As**
2. Choose a directory/folder and filename
3. Choose a format (.doc, .rtf, .txt, .ark) ARK = Arkenstone (default)
4. Click Save