APH and NV Access Partnership Leads to Major Enhancements for Assistive Technology

Louisville, KY (August 8, 2022) – American Printing House for the Blind (APH) partnership with NV Access has created major enhancements for version 2022.2 of the NVDA Screen Reader. Part of APH’s mission includes, “providing accessible and innovative products, materials and services,” and this partnership does just that by allowing better quality assistive technology.

For part of the version 2022.2 release, APH contributed significant improvements for Java based applications and bug fixes that included braille improvements. Other improvements in version 2022.2 release by the NVDA Community include bug fixes, braille displays, and Windows features. New table navigation commands have also been introduced. Unicode CLDR and LibLouis have been updated, with LibLouis now including a new German braille table. Learn what’s new in NVDA version 2022.2.

“So much of what we do at APH depends on great partnerships. We partner with many organizations around the world, with a mutual mission to help move the field of assistive technology forward. This partnership with NV Access embodies this mission completely,” said Greg Stilson, APH Head of Global Technology Innovation. “APH is able to help NV Access implement screen reader enhancements that will directly benefit all users. In addition, our passion for braille, enables us to serve as a resource for NV Access to continue to ensure that all NVDA users with braille devices have a great experience.”

NV Access is a registered charity and software development company. They are the creators of NVDA, a free, open source, globally accessible screen reader for the blind and vision impaired. NVDA is open source software, which means the code is accessible to anyone, allowing translators and developers around the world to continually contribute to its expansion and improvement.

“We are happy to collaborate with APH towards the latest release of NVDA. The partnership between APH and NV Access, whereby APH provides developer time towards meaningful enhancements to the NVDA screen reading software, has made a material improvement to the effectiveness of NVDA,” said James Boreham, NV Access General Manager.
Learn more about NV Access.

About American Printing House for the Blind

American Printing House for the Blind is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or low vision. We believe in the power and necessity of learning to open the doors to educational success, satisfying employment, social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal well-being. We level the learning playing field by providing specialized technology, materials, products, and services that are essential for education and life. For more information, please visit www.aph.org.

About NV Access

NV Access was established in early 2007 as a result of the increasing support needs of the NVDA project. NV Access develops and supports the free and open-source software NVDA that facilitates access to technology for blind and vision impaired people. NV Access is a non-profit organization, our work is funded primarily through sponsorships, grants, and donations.