Attainment's

Whose Future Is It?

Software User Guide

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Quick Start

The software version of ***Whose Future Is It?*** is an eReader edition of the Attainment Company book of the same name. The chapters introduce adolescents to the transition process. Students are helped to develop critical skills and take an active part in their IEP process. Individual user logins let each student to have their own text and audio settings. Reading progress information and end-of-chapter test results are stored in each student's user login account for viewing or printing.

A printable **PDF User Guide** is available:

1. *From the software disk:*

Whose Future Is It User Guide.pdf can be printed or copied from the software disk.

2. *From Windows Start Menu:*

All Programs → Attainment Company → Documentation → **Whose Future Is It User Guide**

3. *On the Mac:*

Applications → Attainment → Whose Future Is It → **Whose Future Is It User Guide.pdf**

4. Online at www.attainmentcompany.com:

Type "Whose Future Is It?" in search window, then click on "Whose Future Is It? Software."

You will see a **PDF download link** for the user guide.

Starting the Program

Start the program: Windows

Go to **Start** menu at bottom left of screen.

Click **Start** → **Programs** → **Attainment Company** → **Whose Future Is It**

NOTE: Simply launch the program from the screen icon if it was placed on the computer desktop during installation.

Start the program: Mac

Click on **Go** pulldown menu and find the **Applications** list.

Find **Whose Future Is It**

Double-click the **Whose Future Is It** icon

NOTE: If using a Mac, you must be logged in to the Mac user account used for previous *Whose Future Is It?* software sessions, particularly when creating the software user logins. If not, the system data needed for the software will not be available — you will not see login list names and tracking data will not be available).

The first time the program is started (with no user logins available), it opens in **Guest** mode and goes directly to the chapter directory screen. After individual student logins have been created, the program will start with a login menu window providing a pull-down list of available user names (plus the option to choose Guest mode). From the login menu, select one of the user names (or the Guest button) and click **OK** to open the chapter directory.

Logging In

If student logins have been created, the program starts with the **Log in menu**. Select a user name from the pull-down list of names, or click the **Guest button** to use the current global default settings. Then click **OK** to open the directory of chapters.
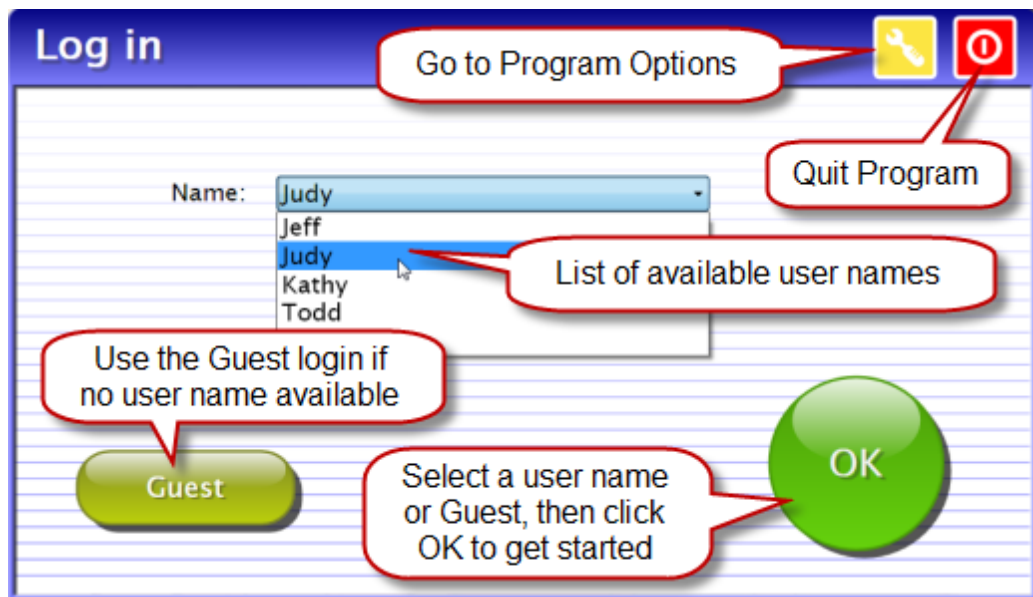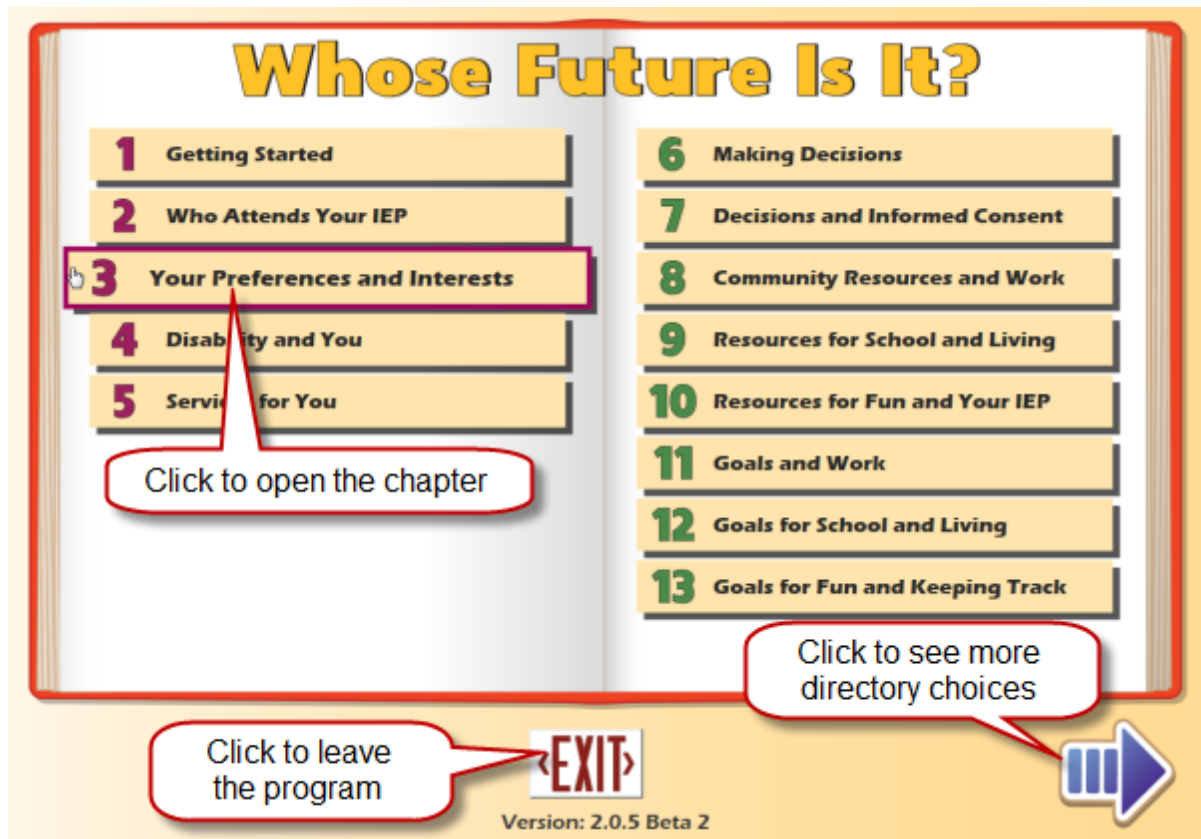

See Options-->Add or Remove Login Users.

Software settings can be adjusted for each student login. See Options-->Program Settings Tab.

Student passwords for each login are optional. See System Tab-->User Login Password.

Contents Directory

After logging in, the **contents directory** appears on screen with links to the numbered chapter titles.


Click the **Next** or **Back** screen navigation arrows to see all of the chapter choices. When a chapter is completed, the chapter directory link is shaded to mark it as having been read by the student (it may be re-opened again). When using Guest mode, the directory links do not change in appearance.

The directory can be edited so that fewer choices are shown. It is also possible to automatically remove chapters from the directory when finished. See Options-->Content Tab.

Reading the Chapters

After clicking on a directory link, the chapter is opened. The narration audio starts automatically for each page if **Auto Read** is turned on. If **Auto Page Turn** is turned on, the pages will automatically change when the page narration finishes. To manually turn the pages, use the **next-arrow** and **back-arrow** screen navigation buttons. To manually start (or re-start) the narration audio on a page, click a **narration-play arrow** to start the narration from that spot. Another way to start the narration is to double-click on a word to start the narration from that spot. Click **EXIT** to return to the chapter directory.
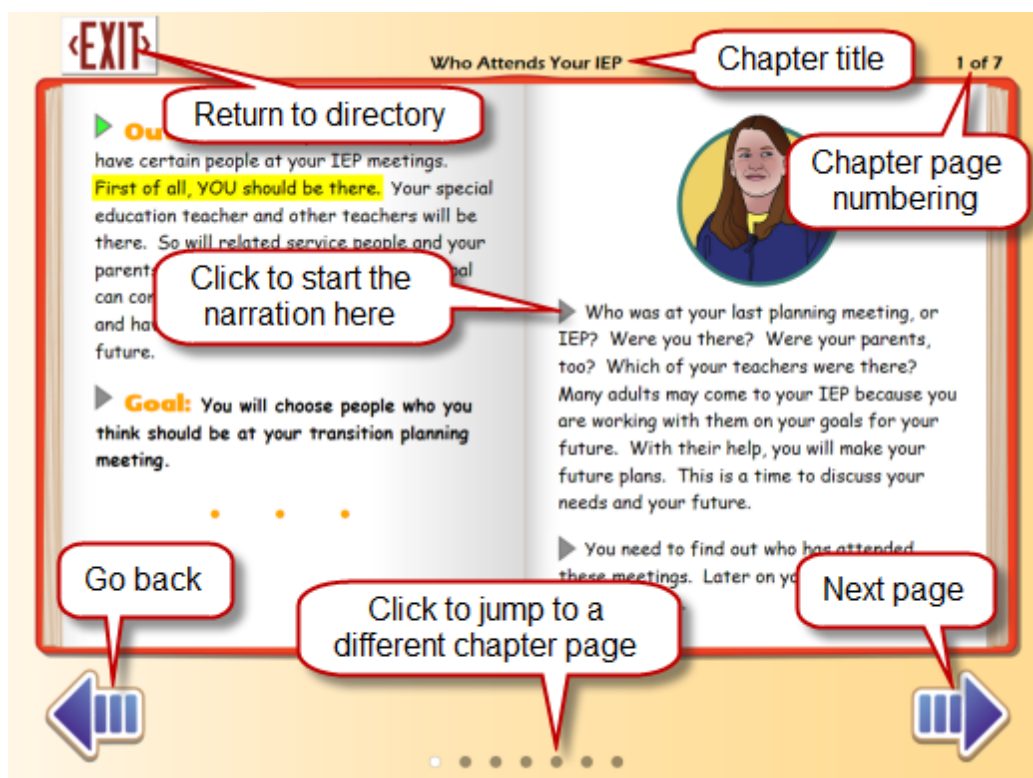
Each two-page book layout is counted as a numbered screen-page by the software. The current screen-page number and number of total chapter pages is shown in the upper right corner of the screen. A row of **page navigation dots** appear at screen bottom to provide a visual indicator of where you are at within a chapter. Each page-dot is a link for quickly moving around the chapter.

End-of-Chapter Questions

Each chapter includes four **multiple-choice questions**. Listen to the answers by selecting them individually. Choose a selected answer to be the final answer by clicking on the **My Answer** button. If correct, the screen moves to the next question. If incorrect, the student must try again and continue until reaching the correct answer. A chapter closing page follows the final question and returns to the chapter directory.
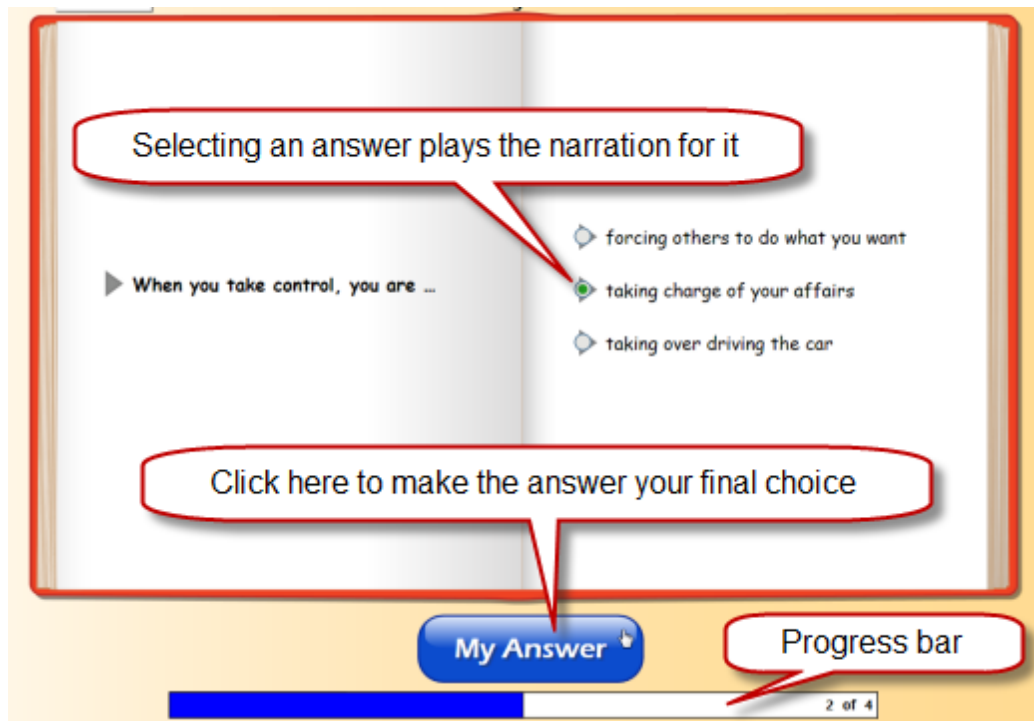
The test questions can be turned off. See [Program Settings Tab-->Test Activity on/off](#).

Test results can be viewed and printed. See [Options-->Results Tracking](#).

Narration, Highlighting & Bookmarks

This eReader software provides on-screen reading with different options for narration audio playback and text highlighting.

When a student leaves a chapter and exits the software before finishing the chapter, a bookmark feature marks the spot where reading stopped. The chapter is flagged in the contents directory, and when the chapter is re-opened, the student is returned to where they left off. The bookmark feature is used for only one chapter at a time.
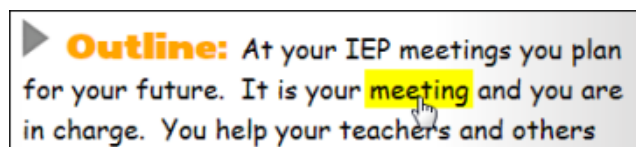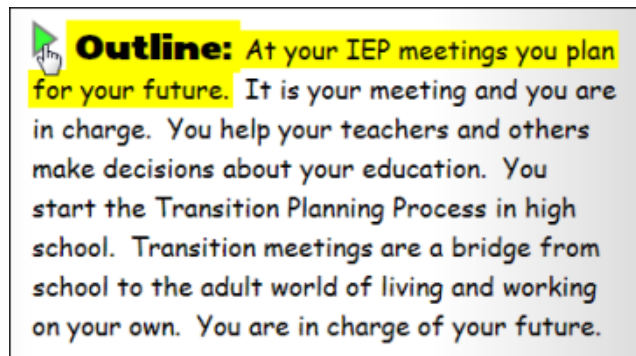
Narration Audio

The narration audio may be heard as natural speech (conversational tempo) or played at a slower, word-by-word pace. S*ee* Settings Tab-->Narration Style.

The narration may start automatically upon each page turn, or start manually by clicking the **narration play-arrows**, or by double clicking a word within a paragraph. *See* Settings Tab-->Auto Read.

To start or re-start the narration audio, click one of the narration play-arrows.

Outline: At your IEP meetings you plan for your future. It is your meeting and you are in charge. You help your teachers and others make decisions about your education. You start the Transition Planning Process in high school. Transition meetings are a bridge from school to the adult world of living and working on your own. You are in charge of your future.
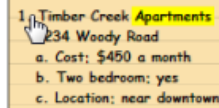
To hear a single word, single-click directly on the word. This stops any in-progress narration and plays that word. *Double-clicking on a word will re-start the narration audio from that point.*

Outline: At your IEP meetings you plan for your future. It is your meeting and you are in charge. You help your teachers and others

Some chapter illustrations contain text.

If the cursor changes to a hand-pointer when rolling over the image, narration audio is available. Click anywhere on the image to hear the narration. Narration audio for a graphic is never played automatically along with the chapter body content. It must be selected in order to hear it.
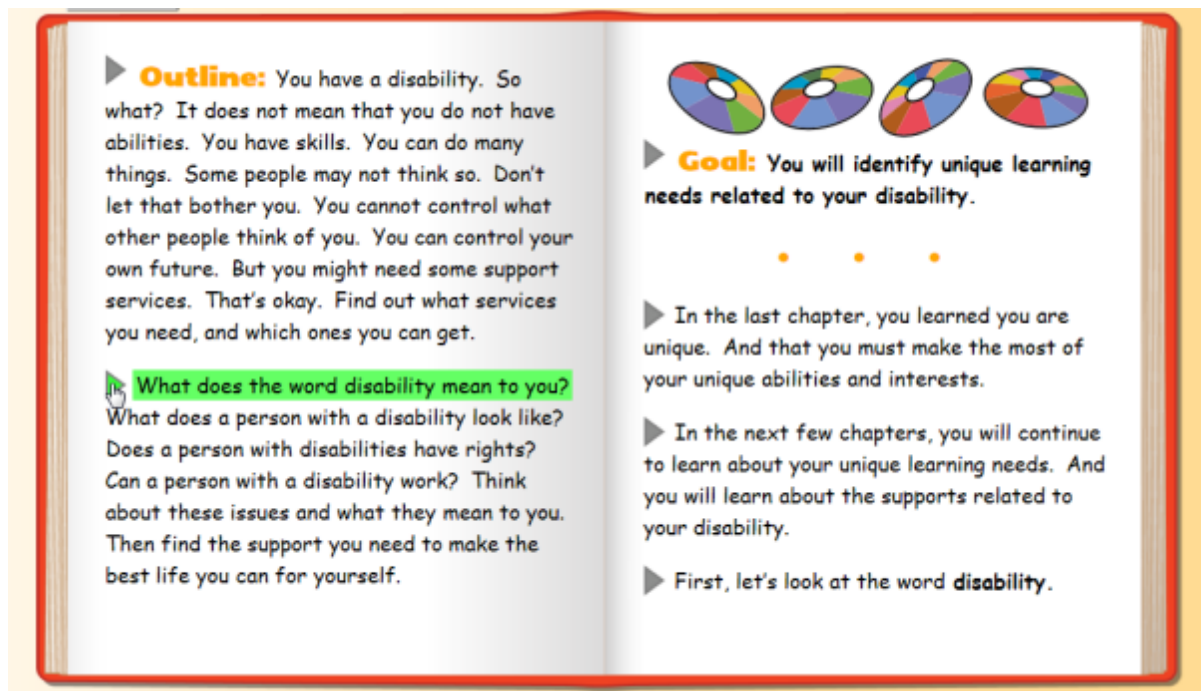

Text Highlighting

Text highlighting can be set to word-by-word, by-sentence, by-line, or can be turned off completely. As the narration audio is played, the text is highlighted in yellow, red, or green. *See* [Settings Tab-->Narration Highlighting](#).

Bookmarks

If a student leaves the program before finishing a chapter, a **bookmark** is placed on the last page read (or the final text page if exiting within the test questions). When the chapter is re-started, it will open at the marked page. The bookmarked chapter is highlighted on the directory screen. Only one chapter may be bookmarked. If a new chapter is opened after a different chapter was bookmarked, the earlier bookmark disappears.
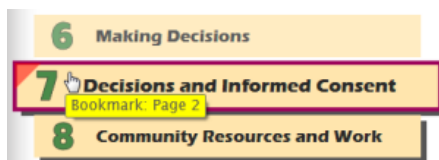
Place the screen cursor over the bookmarked chapter to see the what page the bookmark was placed on.
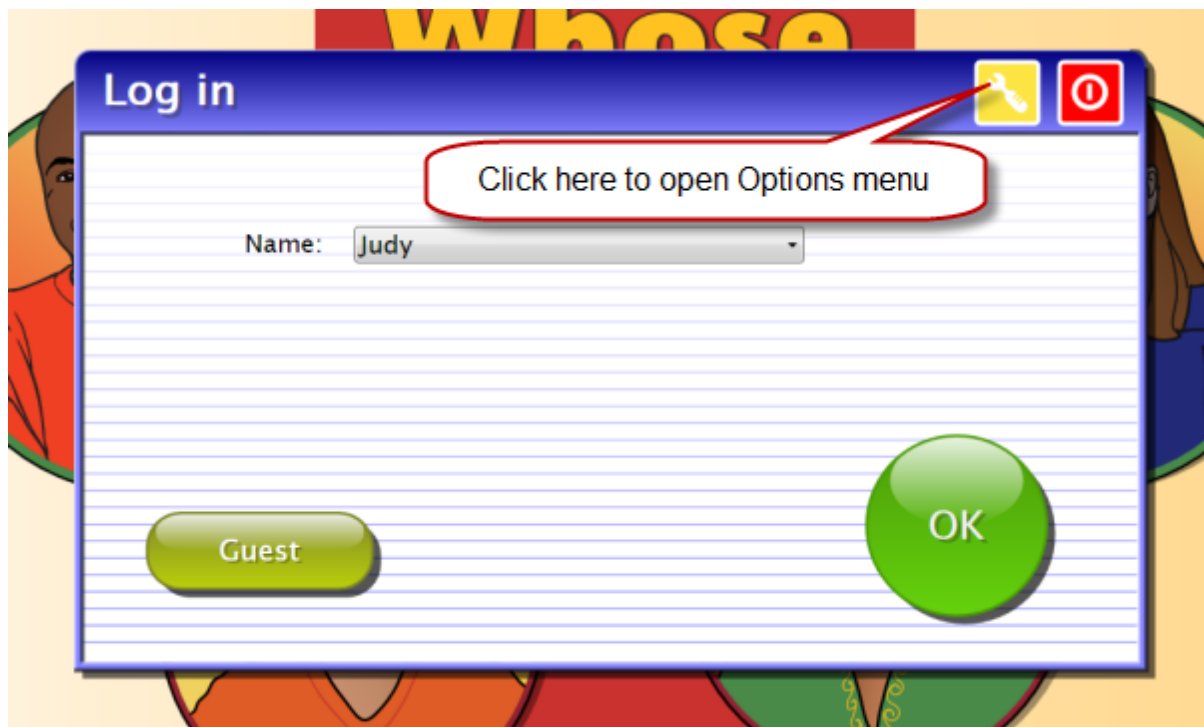
Options

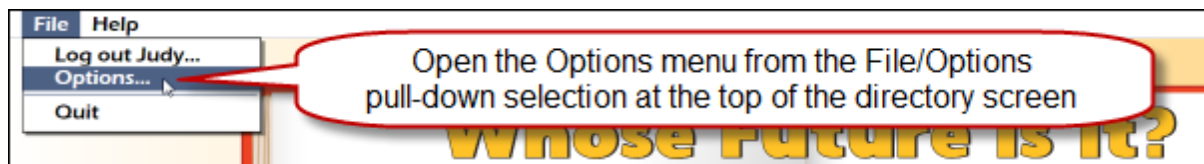The Options menu lets you add or delete users and takes you to other software settings.
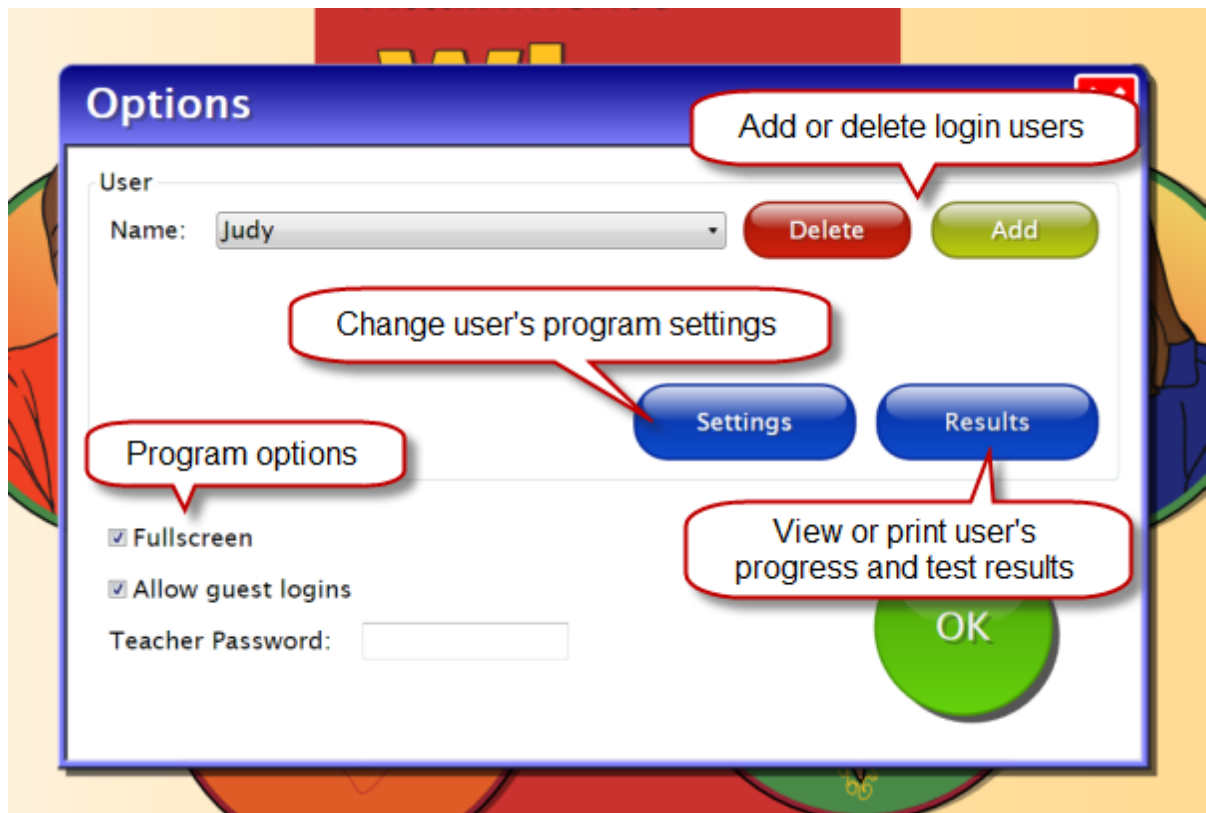
From the login screen, use the **wrench-icon link** to enter the options settings. The **teacher password** is needed to open the Options menu.

Enter "**attainment**" when prompted for a password. A new teacher password may be created, but "attainment" will always work as a password.

Log in

Click here to open Options menu

Name: Judy

Guest   OK

If there are no user logins, the software starts in Guest mode, and the wrench-icon link will not be available (Login in menu is skipped) An **auto-hidden pull-down menu** is also available at the top of the directory screen to get to the Options menu.

File   Help
Log out Judy...
Options...
Quit

Open the Options menu from the File/Options pull-down selection at the top of the directory screen

Teacher Password

The **teacher password** is needed to enter the Options menu to change settings or view student results. A new password can be created (after first using password **"attainment"** to get to the Options menu where a new password may be created).
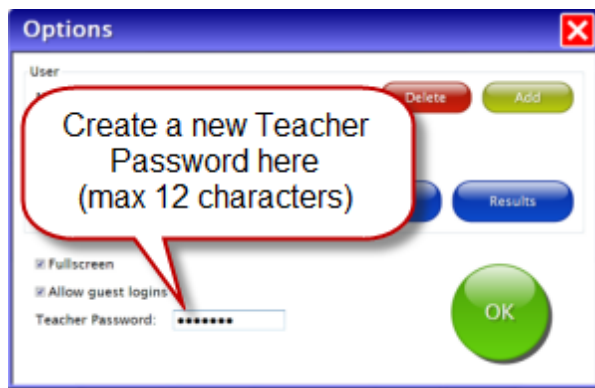
**NOTE**: The built-in password **"attainment"** will always work.

Add or Remove Login Users

From the Options menu, click the **Add** button to add a new student user to the login name list. Type a new name into the **Add User** pop-up menu and click the **Next** button. To remove a login name from the user list, select a user name list and click the **Delete** button.
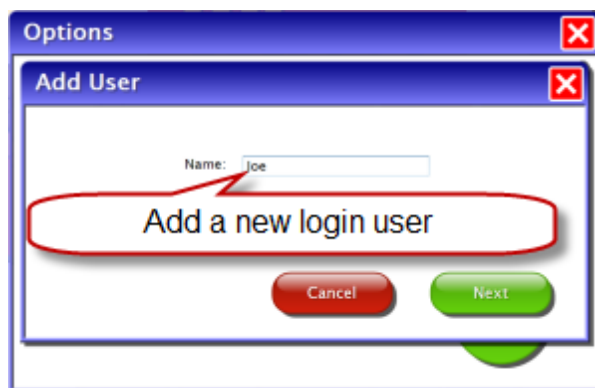
After clicking the **Next** button, you'll be prompted to assign a **student password**. Use of the student password is optional (this menu can be skipped). A student password can be added or changed later. *See* System Tab-->User Login Password.
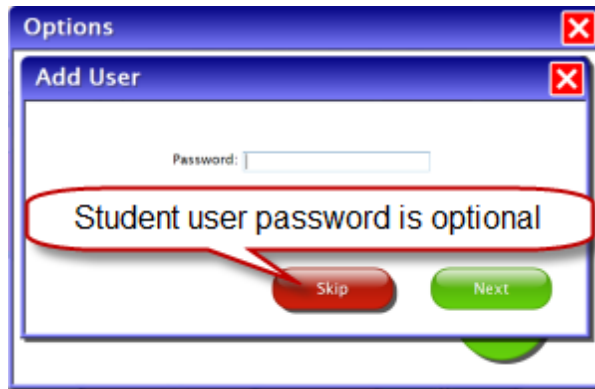

You may assign a picture (digital image/photo) to display with the student's login name. This is optional and can be skipped (can be added later). If your computer is camera-enabled, click **Snapshot** to create a photo for the user's icon. *See* System Tab-->User Login Picture.

Fullscreen Display

If the **Fullscreen** box is checked in the Options settings, the software display will use the entire screen, and may not be resized or minimized.
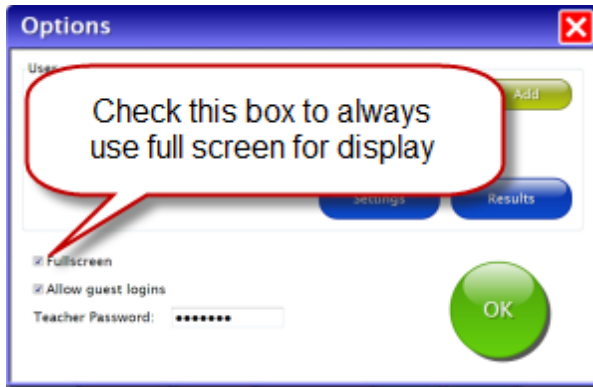
If unchecked, the window can be resized, moved around on the screen and minimized. Note that the text and picture content will not resize when the size of the software display window is changed.

Allow Guest Logins

If the **Allow Guest Logins** box is checked in the Options settings, the **Guest** login mode will be available for use along with the individual student logins. If unchecked, only user login names can be used (the Guest button will not appear).

NOTE: If no login names have been added, the software automatically opens in the Guest mode whether or not **Allow Guest Logins** has been checked in the Options settings.

Default System Settings

Below are the default program settings as initially set for the software. Adjustments to the **Guest settings** changes the global settings that are used as the basis for new logins (settings for **Guest** are the starting values applied when adding new users). Changing the Guest settings does not affect student user logins that already exist.

Program Settings
Narration Style: Natural Speech
Narration Highlighting: Word By Word
Auto Read: on
Auto Page Turn: off
Take Test: yes

Content Settings
Add/Remove Content: all chapters selected and available (all items checked)
Remove from directory when completed: no (unchecked)

System
Autoscan: off
Autoscan Delay: 1 second
Scan Next: Right Arrow (keyboard "switch" option)
Scan Select: Enter Key (keyboard "switch" option)
Debounce: Disabled
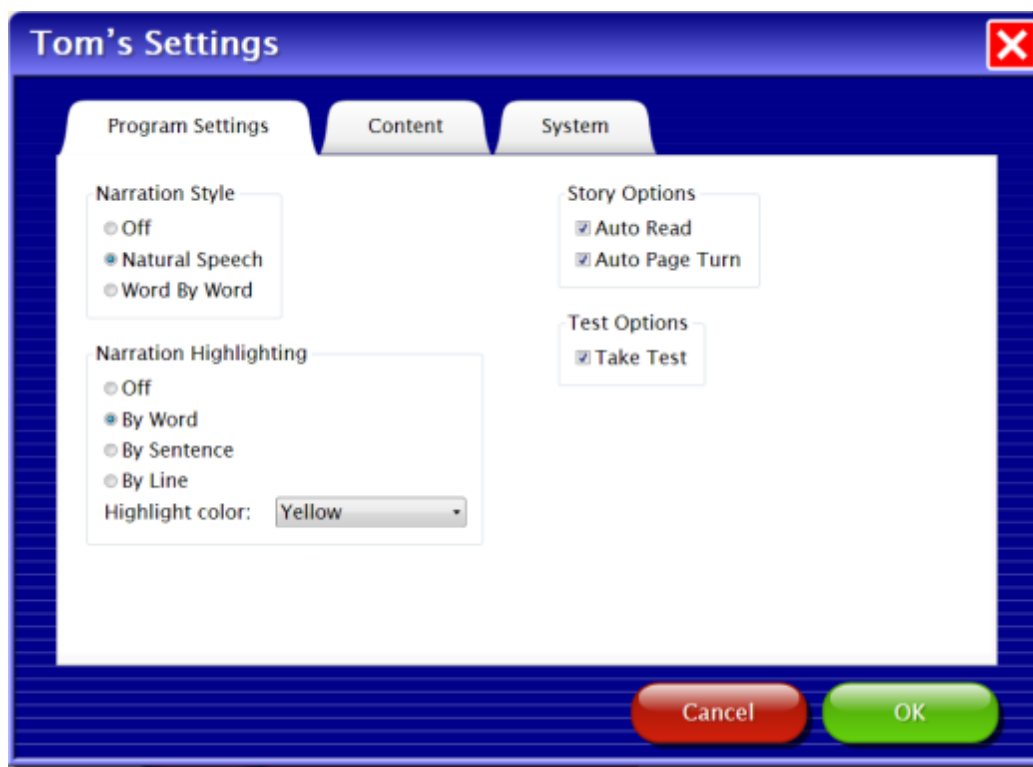*Highlight size:* Normal
Highlight color: Yellow

Sounds: music = on, speech = on, special effects = on
Fullscreen: on
Allow guest logins: yes

Program Settings Tab

Click the Options/Settings button to access the **Program Settings Tab**. From this tab you can change the settings for **Narration Style, Narration Highlighting, Story Options** (for Auto Read and Auto Page Turn), and **Take Test.** Note that the student name for the login is shown at the top of the display window.

Tom's Settings

Program Settings | Content | System

Narration Style
- Off
- Natural Speech
- Word By Word

Narration Highlighting
- Off
- By Word
- By Sentence
- By Line
Highlight color: Yellow

Story Options
- Auto Read
- Auto Page Turn

Test Options
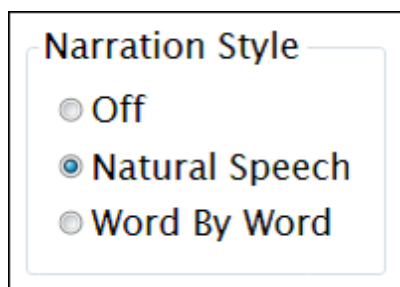- Take Test

Cancel   OK

[Narration Style](#)

[Narration Highlighting](#)

[Story Options: Auto Read / Auto Page Turn](#)

[Test Questions on/off](#)

Narration Style

Narration Style audio settings are found in the Program Settings Tab. Choose between three speech options: **Off, Natural Speech,** and the slower **Word By Word** narration style.


Narration Highlighting

Narration Highlighting settings are found in the Program Settings Tab. Choose between four highlighting options: **Off, By Word, By Sentence,** or **By Line.** The **Highlight color** can be set to yellow, green, or red.
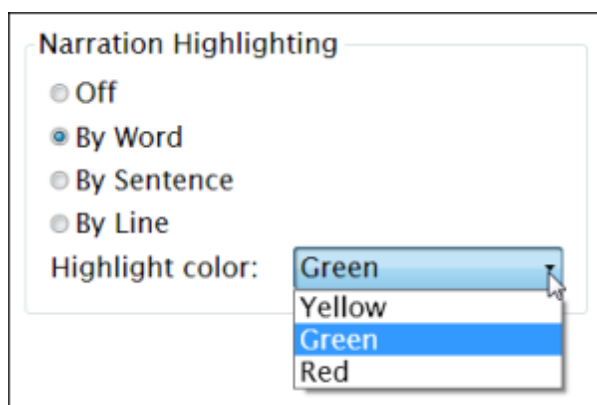
NOTE: Highlighting of the text goes along with the narration audio. When **Narration Style** turns the audio off, there will be no visual highlighting.

Auto Read / Auto Page Turn

Settings for **Auto Read** and **Auto Page Turn** are found in the Program Settings Tab. These two features can be used independently or in combination.

Story Options
☑ Auto Read
☑ Auto Page Turn
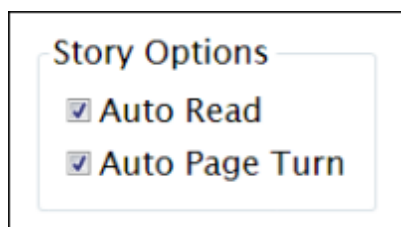
Auto Read

When turned on (checked), the narration audio starts automatically after a page is turned, whether the page is turned automatically or manually. When Auto Read is turned off (unchecked), audio narration is triggered by clicking the narration play-arrows or by double clicking a word within a paragraph.

Auto Page Turn

When turned on (checked), the pages change automatically after the page narration finishes. The page can be manually turned forward or backward at any time by clicking the Next or Back navigation arrows.
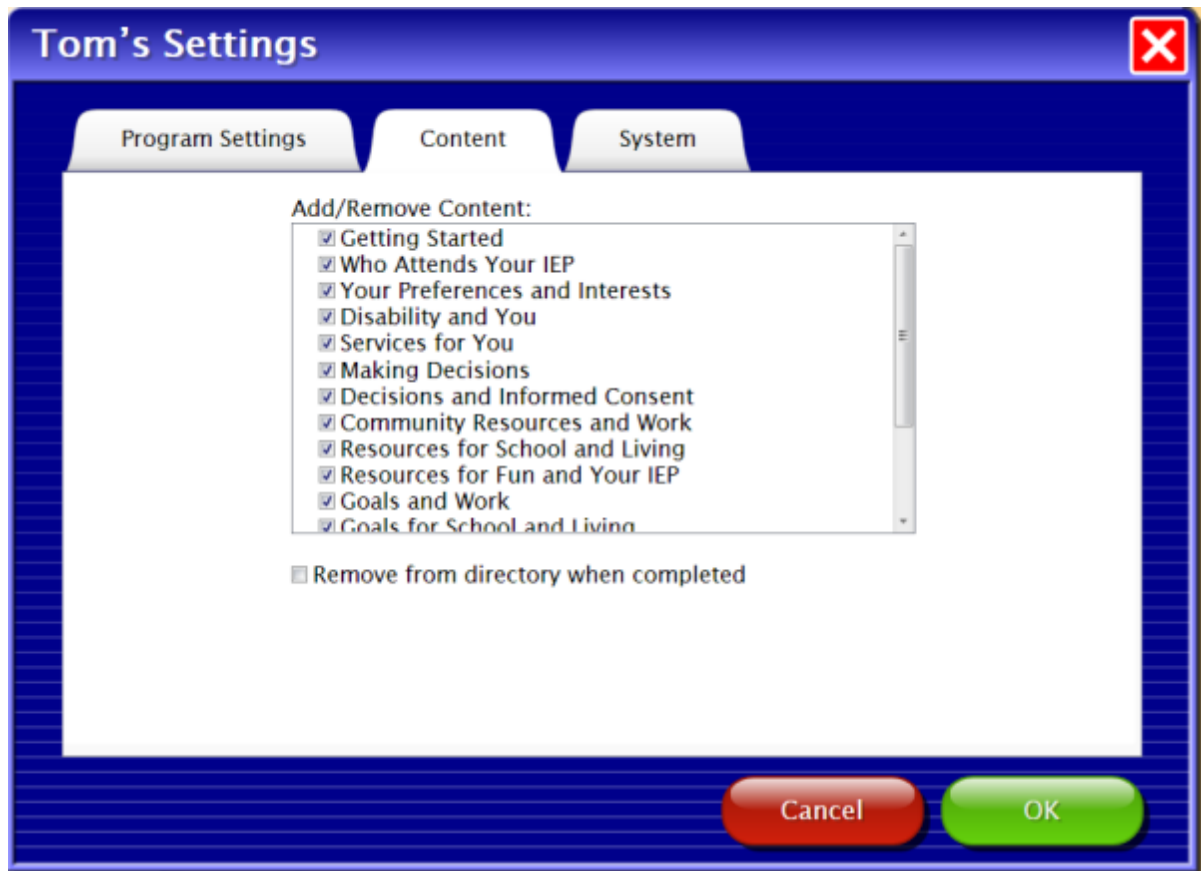
Test Questions on/off

Test Options
☑ Take Test
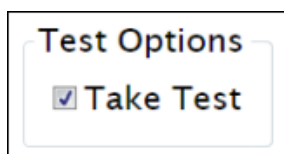
The **Take Test** setting is found in the Program Settings Tab. When turned on (checked), multiple-choice test questions will appear at the end of the chapters. When off (unchecked), test questions will not appear and the chapters will be available for reading only. *Test results are stored for each login. See* Options-->Results Tracking.

Content Tab

Click the Options/Settings button to access the **Content Tab**. To reduce the number of chapter choices a student will see on the directory, chapters can be checked or unchecked to include or remove them from the directory.

Tom's Settings ✕

| Program Settings | Content | System |

Add/Remove Content:
- ☑ Getting Started
- ☑ Who Attends Your IEP
- ☑ Your Preferences and Interests
- ☑ Disability and You
- ☑ Services for You
- ☑ Making Decisions
- ☑ Decisions and Informed Consent
- ☑ Community Resources and Work
- ☑ Resources for School and Living
- ☑ Resources for Fun and Your IEP
- ☑ Goals and Work
- ☑ Goals for School and Living

☐ Remove from directory when completed

Cancel   OK

Treat completed stories as removed:

When checked, this setting causes a chapter to be removed from the directory screen after it is completed. Stories are considered complete when the four test questions have been answered. If this setting is left unchecked, completed stories are grayed out (shaded) in the directory to indicate that they have been completed, but they can still be selected to read again.

System Tab

Click the Options/Settings button to access the **System Tab**. Here you can add or change the **user login (student) password,** add or change a **login icon image,** turn **sounds on/off,** and use **alternative access** scanning/switching features.

User Login Password

From the System Tab, a unique **User Login Password** can be created for a student login. Type in the password (maximum 12 characters) and click **OK** to create. Use of this password is optional.
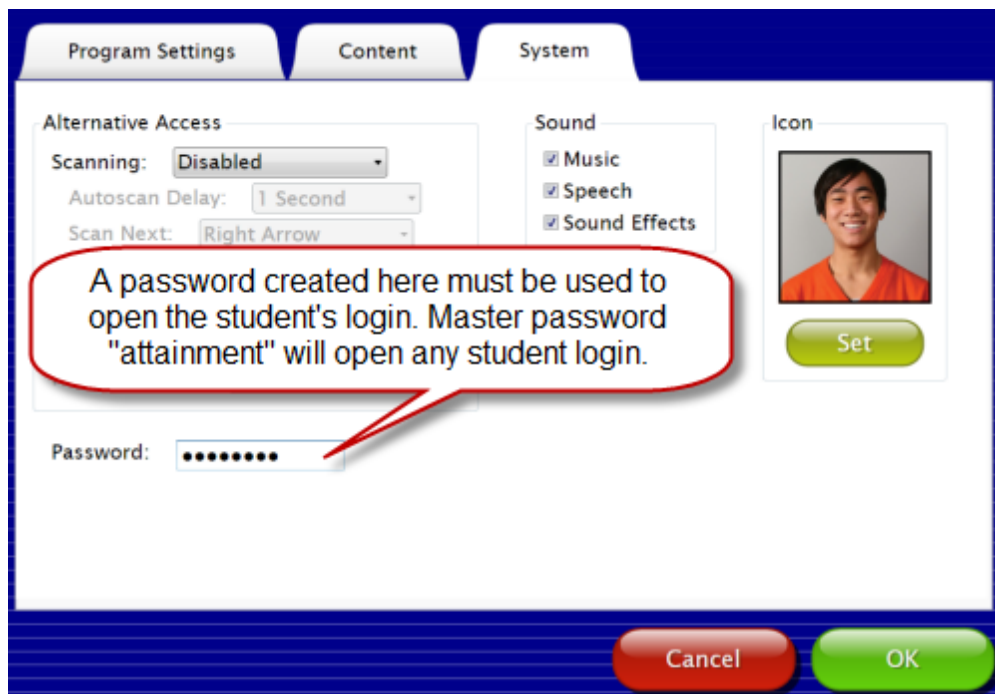
Sounds
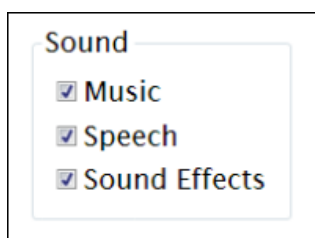
Located on the System Tab, the **Sound** settings provide on/off switches for theme music, narration audio, and sound effects (such as button clicks). A checked box means that the sound setting is turned on.

User Login Picture
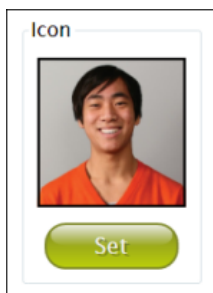
At the System Tab, click the **Set Icon** button to add, change, or delete a **User Login Picture**. A Login Picture is paired with a student's name on the login screen. Create an picture icon from an available graphic image (click on **From file**) or use the camera on your computer to take a photo (click on **Snapshot**).

The picture is shown with the student name on the Log in menu. If no icon was created for a student, only the user's name is displayed.

Scanning and Switch Use

From the System Tab, **Alternative Access** settings can be used to enable screen scanning features for **Switch** use. Switching can be accomplished with an external switch button device or by assigning keyboard characters for the scan and select functions.
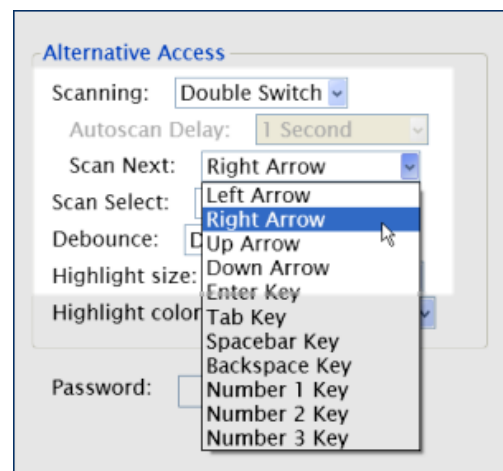
Scanning: Choose Single Switch, Double Switch, or Disabled. When "Disabled" is chosen, all of the other fields are grayed out and cannot be selected.
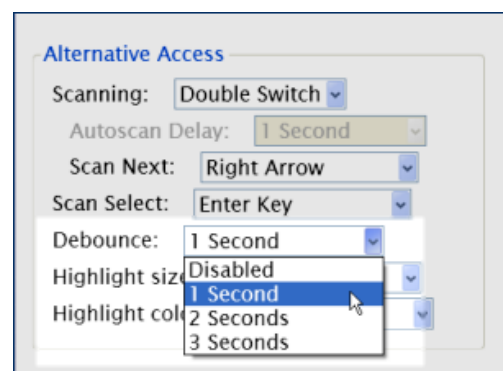
Autoscan Delay: Available when Single Switch is chosen. Select the length of time the cursor dwells on each selection when automatically scanning, between 1 and 8 seconds.

Alternative Access

Scanning: Single Switch

Autoscan Delay: 1 Second
- 1 Second
- 2 Seconds
- 3 Seconds
- 4 Seconds
- 5 Seconds
- 6 Seconds
- 7 Seconds
- 8 Seconds

Scan Next: Right
Scan Select: Enter
Debounce: Disable
Highlight size: Ext
Highlight color: R
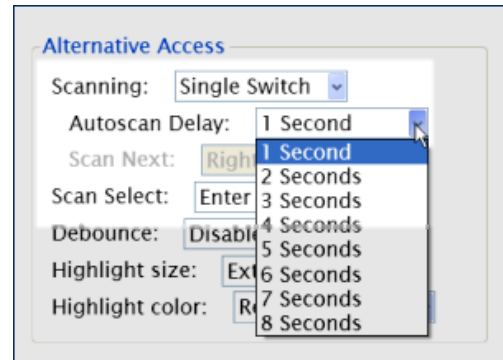
Scan Next: Available when Double Switch is chosen. Choose the keyboard key which will advance to the next scanned field when manually scanning. When using a switch or button, determine which key is programmed to the device.

Alternative Access

Scanning: Double Switch

Autoscan Delay: 1 Second

Scan Next: Right Arrow
- Left Arrow
- Right Arrow
- Up Arrow
- Down Arrow
- Enter Key
- Tab Key
- Spacebar Key
- Backspace Key
- Number 1 Key
- Number 2 Key
- Number 3 Key

Scan Select:
Debounce:
Highlight size:
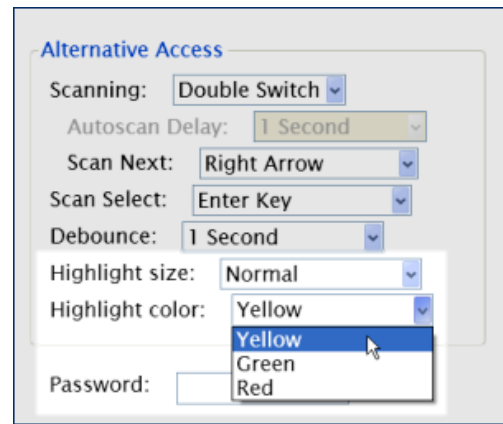Highlight color

Password:

Debounce: Select the length of time in which repeated switch input is ignored, between 1 and 3 seconds. Debounce can be disabled if not needed.

Alternative Access

Scanning: Double Switch

Autoscan Delay: 1 Second

Scan Next: Right Arrow

Scan Select: Enter Key

Debounce: 1 Second
- Disabled
- 1 Second
- 2 Seconds
- 3 Seconds

Highlight size
Highlight col


Available for both Single Switch and Double Switch.

Highlight size: Select the weight of the highlight border which indicates current choice. Choose between Normal, Large and Extra Large.

Highlight color: Select the highlight color which indicates current choice. Choose between red, yellow, and green.


In the screen example below, the highlight size is "extra large, red".
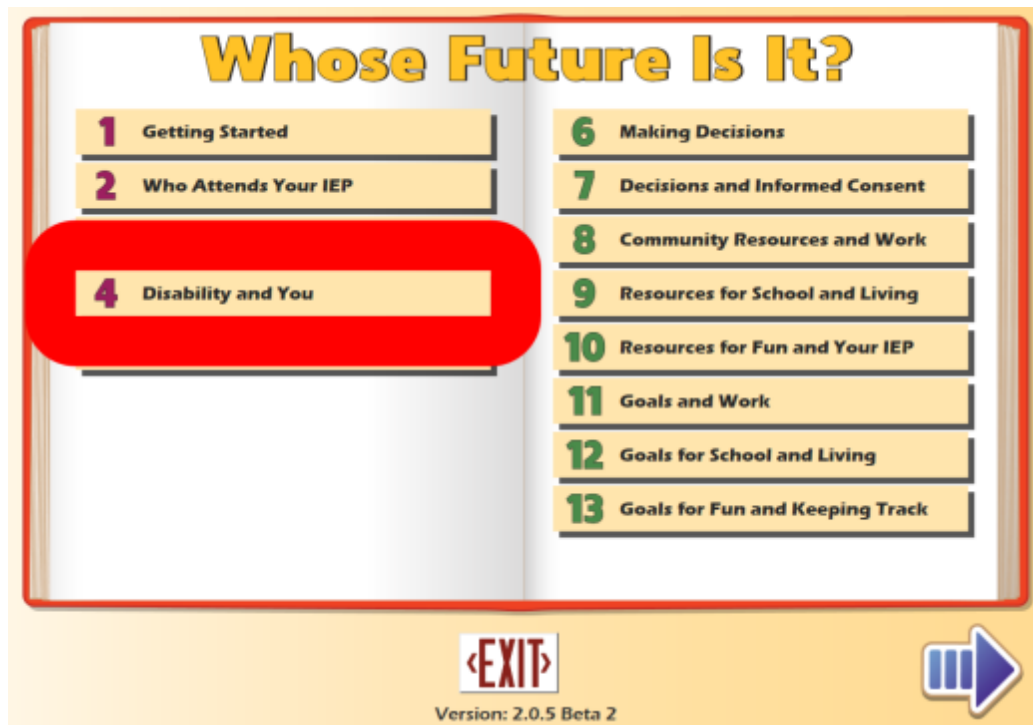
Results Tracking

Click the **Results** button on the Options menu to view and print information about a student's reading progress and test results. Completed chapters are listed with the finish date and time. Results for Guest login users are not saved. The software recognizes a chapter as completed when all four test questions have been answered. Chapters (and tests) may be repeated, and a results entry for each attempt is saved separately. To see the results information for a completed chapter (date/time, total elapsed time, percent score, incorrect answer choices), select the date-line for the chapter entry and click the **View** button. Click the **Print** button to print the selected results record.
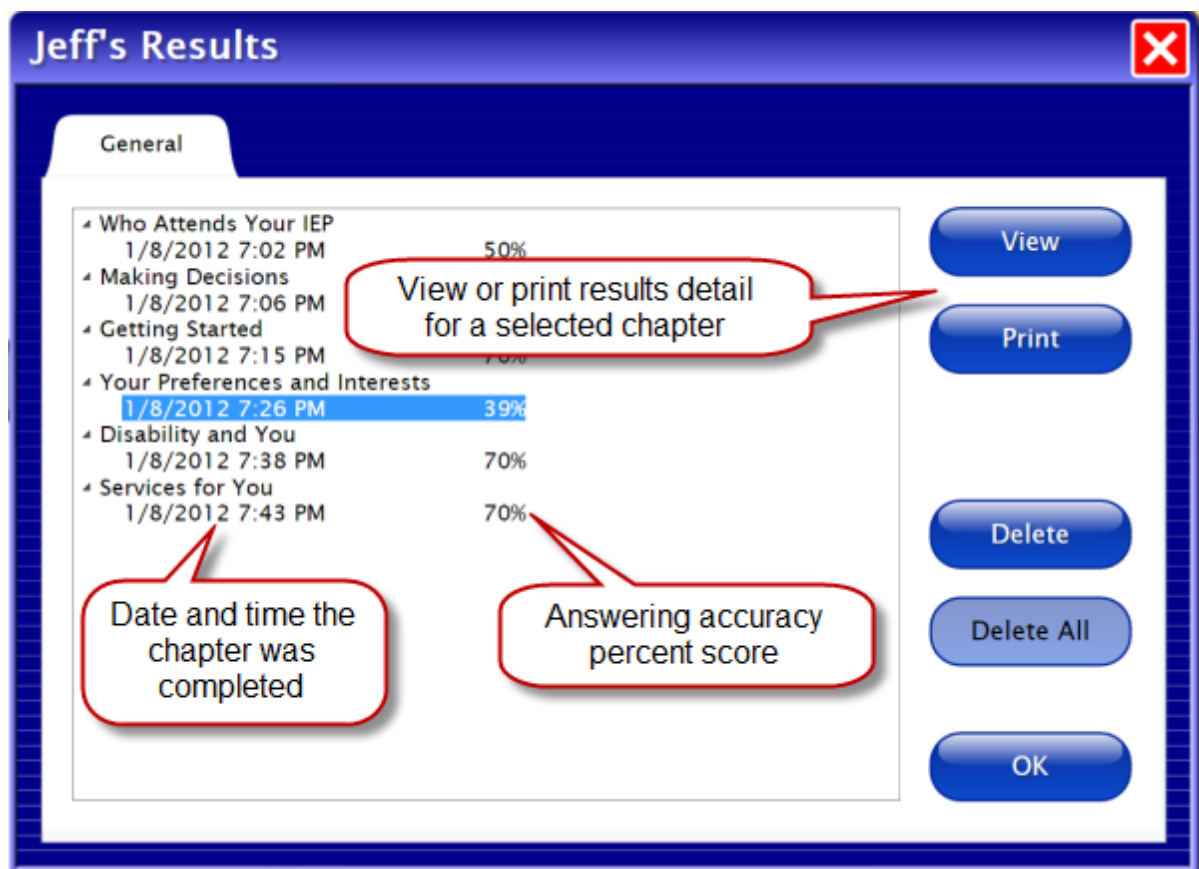
Results

Name: Jeff
Problems: 4
Total Time: 2m 22s

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Your Preferences and Interests

Score: 39%
Date: 1/8/2012
Time: 7:26 PM

Read
IDEA is ...
    special education law
Preferences mean ...
☒ you like some things more than others (2 tries)
Interests are ...
    wanting to know or learn something
An apartment is ...
☒ a room or small rooms to rent (3 tries)

Time spent on the chapter

The test question

Correct answers are shown

Number of answer attempts taken.

Indicates that 2 or 3 answer attempts were needed to reach correct answer.

Print out the results information

Print   OK

Alternative Access

Touch Screen

This software program is compatible with touch screen devices.

Scanning

This program supports single- or two-switch step scanning. To change scanning settings, go to **Options** menu, **Systems** tab. *See* Scanning *for more detailed information.*

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If you have a problem running this software, please call **Attainment Technical Support** at the number below. If possible, have the program running with your computer nearby while we discuss solutions.

You can speed the process if you collect some basic information ahead of time:

* What was the error and type of error message, if any?
* What triggered the problem?
* Can you duplicate the problem?
* What operating system are you running?

Tech Support is available weekdays from 9 am–5 pm (CST)

phone: 1-800-327-4269 or 1-608-845-7880

email: info@AttainmentCompany.com

website: www.AttainmentCompany.com

System Requirements

Windows - System Requirements

* Windows XP SP3 or higher

* Minimum of 512MB RAM

* Microsoft .Net 3.5 SP1

NOTE: During installation from the Autoplay menu, if .Net v3.5 is not detected, you will be prompted to install it. .Net 3.5 SP1 is included on the CD.

Mac - System Requirements

* Intel processor

* OS 10.5 or higher

* Minimum of 512MB RAM

* Microsoft Silverlight

NOTE: During installation, if Silverlight is not detected you will be prompted to install it. The Silverlight installer is included within the program. Once Silverlight is installed the program will start.