



Accessibility in the AI Era

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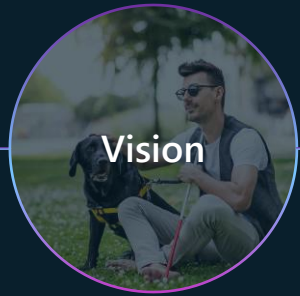
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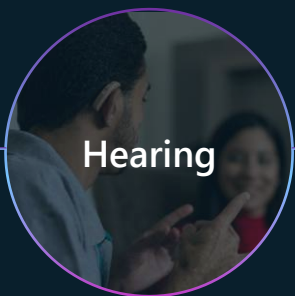
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A high-resolution image of Earth from space, centered on the Americas. The continents of North and South America are visible, surrounded by the deep blue oceans and white, swirling clouds. The perspective is from a slightly elevated position, showing the curvature of the planet. The background is a solid dark blue, suggesting the vastness of space.

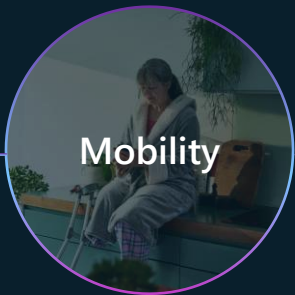
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on the planet to achieve more.**



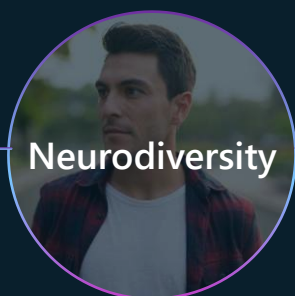
Vision



Hearing



Mobility



Neurodiversity



Learning



Mental health

Permanent

Limb difference

Temporary

Broken arm

Situational

New parent

Progressive

ALS/MND

Accessibility is an opportunity for innovation

1.3 Billion

people in the world have a disability

75%

of disabilities are invisible

1 in 10

people with disabilities have access to the tech they need

91%

of people with disabilities see Copilot as helpful AT

Generative AI and Accessibility

Paradigm shifting innovation

- Individualized assistance available to millions of people across spectrum of disability
- Opportunity to create more inclusive experiences at unprecedented scale
- Potential to transform accessibility as a practice, making inclusive design imperative



Accessible AI is Responsible AI



Be **Accessible**: Inclusive and accessible by design



Incorporate Disability Data and protect against **ableism**



Foster **Innovation**: Push for paradigm shifts to empower disabled users

AI-powered assistant enabling an accessible workforce



Microsoft 365 Copilot

Inclusively embedded within Microsoft 365 Apps

Dyslexia	Neurodiversity	Mobility	Vision
Summarize a document or webpage Writing an email reply Inspire me in Word Rewrite the following text in plain language	Change the tone of my email Summarize past projects, stakeholders, and resources Teams meeting chat interrogation	Teams meeting recap Create first draft of a document or presentation Search for conversations- email, Teams chat, documents Access companywide information	Summarize an inaccessible document Summarize a whiteboard Create a first draft of a document or presentation

This is my Copilot. How can yours help you?

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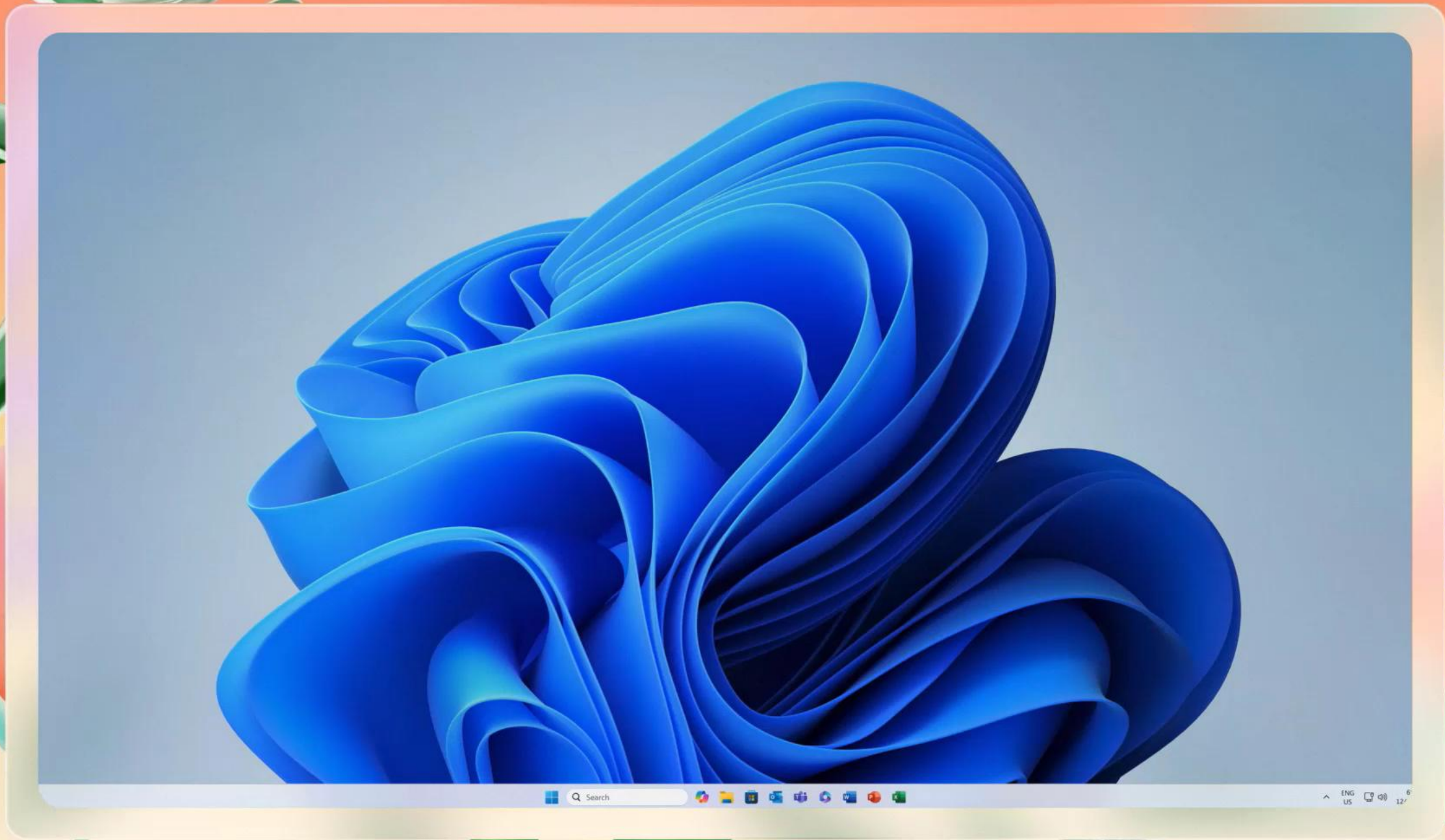
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



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- Time & language
- Gaming
- Accessibility**
- Privacy & security

Accessibility

Vision

-  **Text size**
Text size that appears throughout Windows and your apps >
-  **Visual effects**
Scroll bars, transparency, animations, notification timeout >
-  **Mouse pointer and touch**
Mouse pointer color, size >
-  **Text cursor**
Appearance and thickness, text cursor indicator >
-  **Magnifier**
Magnifier reading, zoom increment >
-  **Color filters**
Colorblindness filters, grayscale, inverted >



Accessibility Assistant Demo

Press Release

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City of New York Sets New Standard for Accessibility Training with Microsoft Partnership

February 25, 2025

DCAS, MOPD, and NYC Talent have partnered with Microsoft to launch a first-of-its-kind Digital Accessibility Training, providing city employees with key resources to create accessible content for all members of the community

New York – Today, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), the Mayor's Office of Talent and Workforce Development (NYC Talent) and its Center for Workplace Accessibility and Inclusion in collaboration with Microsoft announced the launch of a citywide Digital Accessibility Training. The innovative new training will equip City of New York employees with the tools and resources needed to produce accessible content for all members of the community, expanding access to critical city information for all residents. The Digital Accessibility Training will be available to all of the City's over 300,000 employees, reflecting the City's commitment to fostering a more inclusive digital environment across all its online platforms.

"Establishing the Digital Accessibility Training empowers city employees to prioritize

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Ask Microsoft Accessibility

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Enterprise Disability Answer Desk

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Accessibility Fundamentals

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Accessibility Insights

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Creating accessible documents

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