Discover the Accessibility Features of Smartphones!

A Wireless Education Workshop For Consumers with Cognitive Impairments





Who We Are



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Wireless Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center

Our mission is to research, evaluate and develop innovative wireless technologies and products that **meet the needs**, **enhance independence**, **and improve the quality of life and community participation** of people with disabilities.



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AT&T's Corporate Accessibility Technology Office

The **Corporate Accessibility Technology Office (CATO)** leads AT&T's efforts to address the needs of persons with disabilities in the design and development of products and services across the enterprise. CATO partners with each business unit to advance AT&T's efforts to comply with all accessibility laws for all products, services, applications and networks affecting the business. Building on AT&T's legacy, CATO promotes technology that is accessible by all and fosters innovations which improve the lives of our customers.





Why are we here?

- Collaboration between Wireless RERC and AT&T Foundation
- #1 Goal Help you use your devices more effectively!
- We want to help you:
 - 1. Understand which popular smartphone platforms and Operating Systems (OS) might best fit your needs
 - 2. Leverage built-in accessibility features in those OS's
 - 3. Experience the latest accessible consumer-based wireless technologies
 - 4. Alleviate issues with your own devices, or learn something new





Agenda

- Presentation (60 minutes):
 - General overview of devices
 - Review built-in smartphone accessibility features:
 - » Apple's iOS, Google's Android, Windows Phone 8
 - Review accessibility resources
- Break-out sessions (30 minutes
 - Device showcase & small-group coaching sessions
 - Closing questions





General Hardware Overview

Four device categories:

- 1. Smartphone
- 2. Phablet
- 3. Tablet
- 4. Quick Messaging Device (QMD)





Apple's iOS 7 General Overview

- Controlled ecosystem of hardware, software and "cloud" services
 - iPhone, iPad, iPod
 - App Store, iTunes, iBooks, iPhoto, iCloud
- Transferable skills between devices
- Greatest number of apps





General OS Overview

- Largest market share
- Open source
- Many "flavors" of OS affects uniform accessibility performance across OS versions
- Tight integration with Google services
 - Gmail, Google+, Hangouts, Drive
- Often less expensive than iOS devices
- "Widgets" provide custom functionality and shortcuts to apps
- Manufacturers overlay their own "skin"





Accessibility Features

Learning New Apps





Apple iOS

Guided Access





Guided Access

- Restriction to a single app
- Let's user learn how to use app before more apps can be introduce
- Limits cognitive load





Enable Guided Access

Steps to enable Guided Access:

- 1. Settings
- 2. General
- 3. Accessibility
- 4. Guided Access





Accessibility Features

Virtual Assistants





Apple iOS

Virtual Assistant





Apple – Siri

- Virtual Intelligent Assistant and Voice Control
- Integrated with AssistiveTouch so you don't have to physically tap Home button
- Can be used with Bluetooth headsets
- Voice recognition can be an issue for users with speech impairments, especially for users that may be on ventilators





Apple – Using Siri with AssistiveTouch

Steps to access Siri with AssistiveTouch:

- 1. Select AssistiveTouch menu button
- 2. Select Siri





Google Android

Virtual Assistant





Google Now and Ok Google

- Intelligent Virtual Assistant
- Accessed by:
 - Google Search Bar
 - Swiping Up on home screen inside any app





Accessibility Features

Dictation





Apple iOS

Dictation





Apple - Dictation

- Microphone icon on keyboard
- Allows you to speak:
 - Emails
 - SMS/Text messages
 - URLs for web browsing
- Only available in some applications

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Google Android

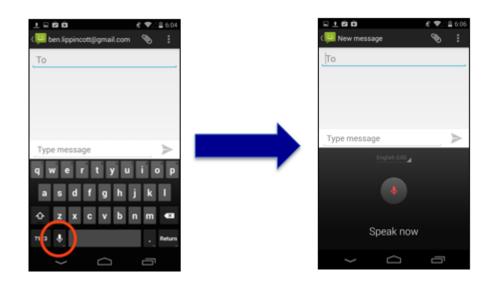
Dictation





Android Dictation

- Microphone icon on virtual keyboard
- Allows you to speak emails, SMS/Text messages, and URLs for web browsing
- Only available in some applications







Accessibility Features

Video Calling and Text Messaging





Apple iOS

Video Calling





Apple FaceTime

- Video call app
- Allows users to be visually prompted to be reminded of, or to complete, tasks





Access Apple FaceTime

Steps to access FaceTime:

- 1. FaceTime App
- 2. Select Contact
- 3. Select FaceTime menu item





Apple iOS

Text Messaging





Apple - iMessages

- Texting app
- Unlimited free texts between iOS and Mac users
 - Photos, videos, locations
 - Synchs between all iOS devices you may own





Access Apple iMessages

Steps to send text message:

- 1. Messages App
- 2. Access Contact List (top right corner)
- 3. Select from Contact List
- 4. Select "Send" after message typed





Google Android

Video Calling and Text Messaging





Android - Hangouts

- Allows one-on-one or group conversations
 - Supports text and video calling
 - Available on computers, Android, and iOS devices
 - Integrated with your Google account
 - Share photos and locations
- Allows users to be visually prompted to be reminded of, or to complete, tasks





Access Video Calling using Hangouts

Steps to access Video Calling using Hangouts:

- 1. Select Hangouts app
- 2. Access Contact List (top right corner)
- 3. Select from Contact List
- 4. Select Camera icon (top right corner)





Accessibility Features

Widgets





Android Widgets

- Screen customization
- Provide "at-a-glance" view of an app's most important data
- Can be moved, sized and information tailored to users needs





Access Android Widgets

Steps to access Widget:

- 1. Select Apps icon on homescreen
- 2. Select Widget menu (top center)
- 3. Select preferred Widget





Accessibility Features

List Makers and Reminders





Android Google Keep

- Note-taking app
 - Text & Voice notes
 - Integrate photos into note
 - Color code
- Reminded through Google Now





Access Google Keep

Steps to access Google Keep:

- 1. Select Apps icon
- 2. Select Keep app
- 3. Select from a choice of new note, list, recording, or photo





Accessibility Features

Near Field Communications (NFC)





Google's Android Near Field Communications (NFC)

- Tap two NFC-enabled devices to share:
 - Photos, Websites, Files, and Contacts
- Environmental or other access control
 - Tapping to pay at convenience stores
 - Use technology for opening doors without keys
 - Thermostat temperature adjustments





Access NFC

Steps to enable NFC:

- 1. Select Settings
- 2. Select More...
- 3. Select NFC





Accessibility Resources





Online Resources for Accessible Apps

- Each OS's app store
 - <u>Apple's App Store (www.itunes.apple.com/us/genre/mobile-software-applications/id36?mt=8)</u>
 - <u>Google Play (www.play.google.com/store)</u>
 - <u>Windows Phone Store (www.windowsphone.com/en-us/store/featured-apps)</u>
- FCC Accessibility Clearing House
 - FCC Accessibility Clearing House (www.ach.fcc.gov)
- Global Accessibility Reporting Initiative (GARI)
 - GARI (www.gari.info)





Additional Online Resources for Accessible Apps

- CTIA's Access Wireless
 - CTIA's Access Wireless (www.accesswireless.org)
- Tools for Life AppFinder
 - <u>Tools for Life AppFinder (www.gatfl.org/favorite-search.php)</u>
- BridgingApps
 - Bridging Apps (www.bridgingapps.org)





Online Resources for Wireless Accessibility Information/Products

- AT&T National Center for Customer with Disabilities (NCCD)
 - Specialized customer service representatives can assist with questions about alternate billing format such as Braille or large print, the <u>Directory Assistance Exemption Program</u>, and questions about AT&T equipment, accessories, features, and services.
 - Voice calls: 1-866-241-6568; TTY calls: 1-866-241-6567
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 - Provides direct links to manufacturers & service providers accessibility sites
- Global Accessibility Reporting Initiative (GARI)
 - GARI (www.gari.info)
 - Ability to compare device accessibility features
 - Filter by dexterity, seeing, hearing and cognition





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Take the "Exit" Survey

Please tell us what you think about this event! We're listening to your feedback!

<u>Survey Monkey</u> (www.surveymonkey.com/s/Accessibility-<u>Workshop)</u>

Final Questions?





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