

## Introduction

There are numerous manuals and websites illustrating the settings on a computer that can be changed to suit user preferences and needs. Therefore, this guide just offers the initial menu actions to reach the accessibility options and links to further information related to Microsoft Windows, Apple Mac and Linux.

## Options

- **Windows XP** – Start Menu - Control Panel in Classic View where there are the choices for display, appearance, mouse and keyboard changes.
- **Windows XP Accessibility Resources**  
<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/windowsxp/default.aspx>
- **Windows Vista** – Start Menu - Control Panel in Classic View as above or in the Vista view – Appearance and Personalization and Ease of Access Microsoft Vista accessibility resources  
<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/windowsvista/>
- **MacOS X** – Finder - System Preferences – Universal Access with four sections for seeing, hearing, keyboard, mouse.
- **MacOS X Accessibility Resources:**  
<http://www.apple.com/accessibility/>
- **Linux Accessibility Resources** – This depends on the desktop environment.  
<http://larswiki.atrc.utoronto.ca/wiki/LinuxUnixAccessibilitySoftware>  
The Gnome desktop option offers some accessibility resources:  
<http://gnomedesktop.org/node/945>

## Additional Resources

- AbilityNet – My Computer My Way  
<http://www.abilitynet.org.uk/myway/index.htm>
- TechDis - Accessibility Advice for Network Managers and Technicians  
[http://new.techdis.ac.uk/index.php?p=2\\_2\\_3\\_6\\_3#PersUserExp](http://new.techdis.ac.uk/index.php?p=2_2_3_6_3#PersUserExp)
- TechDis – Staff Pack - What Microsoft® does for Accessibility  
<http://www.techdis.ac.uk/resources/sites/staffpacks/Staff%20Packs/Benevolent%20Bill/index.xml>
- 456Berea Street reviews Mac OSX Leopard Accessibility  
[http://www.456bereastreet.com/archive/200710/mac\\_os\\_x\\_105\\_leopard\\_improves\\_accessibility/](http://www.456bereastreet.com/archive/200710/mac_os_x_105_leopard_improves_accessibility/)
- Ubuntu - Accessibility/Reviews/GOK  
<https://wiki.ubuntu.com/Accessibility/Reviews/GOK>
- RNIB - Using the accessibility features built into Windows  
[http://www.rnib.org.uk/xpedio/groups/public/documents/publicwebsite/public\\_windowsaccessibility.hcsp](http://www.rnib.org.uk/xpedio/groups/public/documents/publicwebsite/public_windowsaccessibility.hcsp)