

# AccessApps - MyApps

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*AccessApps – short for Accessibility Applications – is a suite of free, open source, software that goes on a memory stick or CD/DVD and can be used from most computers. It is produced by EduApps part of a government-funded organisation called RSC-Scotland.*

The original AccessApps suite has blossomed into different versions:

- **AccessApps** - the original collection of accessibility applications
- **LearnApps** and **TeachApps** – collections specifically for Learners and Teachers
- **MyApps** - a 'pick and mix' collection where you choose things for yourself

If you don't already have the software on CD/DVD/memory stick it can be downloaded for free from EduApps ([www.eduapps.org](http://www.eduapps.org)) though this takes a while as the files are very large.

## Starting AccessApps-MyApps

1. Insert the CD/DVD/memory stick into your computer.
2. After a few seconds you should get an invitation to 'Start using MyApps' or similar
3. Say Yes to this (or click on the appropriate option)
4. After a few more seconds, you should see the 'MyApps' window on screen

You should see a number of sections in this MyApps window. The 'obvious' accessibility software is in the following sections:

- Reading and Writing Support
- Visual Support
- Keyboard/Mouse Alternatives

## To use a piece of software:

5. Click on the relevant section to expand it (eg click 'Visual Support')
6. Click on the application you want. You will probably be asked to confirm that you want this software to run – say 'Yes'
7. Experiment!

**Options:** In general, once the application is running, it will have an icon at the bottom right of the screen. Click this icon to get one or more options, including the option to exit or close the application (try either left-click or right-click – different ones work differently).

**To view the MyApps list** on-screen again, click the blue **M** at the bottom of the screen

**If you get hopelessly stuck**, do Ctrl-Alt-Del then log off (ie hold down the Ctrl key and the Alt key simultaneously then tap the Del key, then wait for the options panel to appear).

## To get instructions about using a piece of software

There is a basic built-in manual which covers some of the software and includes videos. To get to this, click the blue M at the bottom of the screen then click 'Guides'.

To get better information about more of the software

- go to the EduApps website ([www.eduapps.org](http://www.eduapps.org))
- click on the words 'Click here for a full list of applications and comparison of bundles'
- click on the name of the software – you should then see the website about it

## IMPORTANT! Before removing the CD/DVD/memory stick

You need to close MyApps first (otherwise you get problems); to do this

8. Click the blue **M** at the bottom of the screen to bring up the MyApps window
9. Click the X at the bottom of this window