



Adaptive Computing Lab

Adaptive Settings for the Mouse Windows XP

Setting	How to set	Function Description
Mouse		
Snap To	Control Panel > Mouse > Pointer Options > Snap To section > Check the Automatically move pointer to the default button in a dialog box.	This is useful for any user who does not wish to move hand from the keyboard to the mouse. This is critical for users who can not physically manipulate the mouse. Cuts fatigue.
Pointer Size And Color	Control Panel > Mouse > Pointers > Scheme. Drop down menu allows scheme change. Customize section allows the changing of individual pointers and / or the creation of new schemes.	Size and color of the standard mouse pointer is critical to users with visual issues or to physical issue users who have trouble getting close enough to the monitor.
Pointer Speed	Control Panel > Mouse > Pointer Options > Motion section > Slide bar Set the pointer speed. Pointer precision may be enhanced by the check box.	Very important to set for client learning a new adaptive trackball or joystick.
Pointer Trails	Control Panel > Mouse > Pointer Options > Visibility section > Check the Display pointer trails box. Slide bar then allows the settings of the trail duration.	May assist clients with perception issues. Also useful with trackball and joystick users when the pointer moves quickly.
Locate Pointer	Control Panel > Mouse > Pointer Options > Visibility Section > Check the Show location of pointer box.	If user loses the pointer frequently, this feature, activated by pressing the CTRL key sends a circular beacon that highlights the location of the pointer.

Hide/Unhide Pointer	Control Panel > Mouse > Pointer Options > Visibility Section > Check the Hide pointer while typing box.	Useful if user is easily distracted by the pointer when typing.
Double-Click Speed	Control Panel > Mouse > Buttons > Double-Click Speed section Slide bar to set the rate of double-click. Test folder available.	Users with slow movements have great difficulty with double-clicks.
ClickLock	Control Panel > Mouse > Buttons > ClickLock section > check Turn on ClickLock box. Settings button will activate. Here you may use the Slide Bar to set the length of time the left button must be held down to activate ClickLock.	ClickLock will enable a user who has difficulty using a mouse and who can not hold down the button and move the mouse to perform Drag and Drop functions. Very important for users with no physical ability to use a mouse.
Change Left Click and Right Click buttons	Control Panel > Mouse > Buttons > Button configuration section > Check Switch primary and secondary buttons box.	Typically for left handed users, but physical limitations may require switch.
MouseKeys	Control Panel > Display > Accessibility Options > Mouse > MouseKeys section > Check the Use MouseKeys box. Settings will allow setup of a shortcut, NumLock toggle settings, mouse cursor speed adjustment and visual status cue.	Allows keyboard control of the mouse pointer using the numeric keyboard.