

Use a braille display with Google Docs, Sheets, Slides & Drawings

You can use a braille display to read and edit files on Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Drawings.

Recommended browser & screen readers

Docs Editors recommends Chrome and:

- NVDA or JAWS on Windows
- ChromeVox on ChromeOS
- VoiceOver on macOS

Turn on braille support

1. On your computer, open a document, spreadsheet, presentation, or drawing.
2. In the Tools menu, select **Accessibility settings**.
3. Select **Turn on screen reader support**.
4. Select **Turn on braille support**.

Tip: You can also use shortcuts:

- On Windows/Chrome OS: Ctrl + Alt + h
- On Mac: ⌘ + Option + h

Use files with braille support

After you turn on braille support, you'll notice the following improvements:

- You can use the cursor routing buttons on your braille display to move the cursor.
- You can use many of your usual screen reader shortcuts, in addition to keyboard shortcuts.
- Faster screen reader typing echo.
- Faster screen reader navigation handling when you navigate by character.
- Better screen reader announcements of punctuation and whitespace.
- While you type, your screen reader uses its settings for character echo and word echo instead of always echoing characters.

Turn off braille support

1. On your computer, open a document, spreadsheet, presentation, or drawing.
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3. Deselect **Turn on braille support**.

Android

In the Docs and Slides apps for Android, you can use a braille device to read and enter text. You don't need to adjust any settings in order to use your braille device.

iPhone & iPad

In the Docs and Slides apps for iPhone and iPad, you can use a braille device to read and enter text. You don't need to adjust any settings in order to use your braille device.