


Define Sound Sentry

Sound Sentry is an accessibility feature designed for people who have difficulty hearing system sounds generated by the computer. Sound Sentry allows you to change the settings to generate visual warnings, such as a blinking title bar or a screen flash, whenever the computer you are using generates a sound. You will be able to choose visual warnings (for example, a flashing border) for sounds made by windowed programs and for sounds made by full screen text programs.

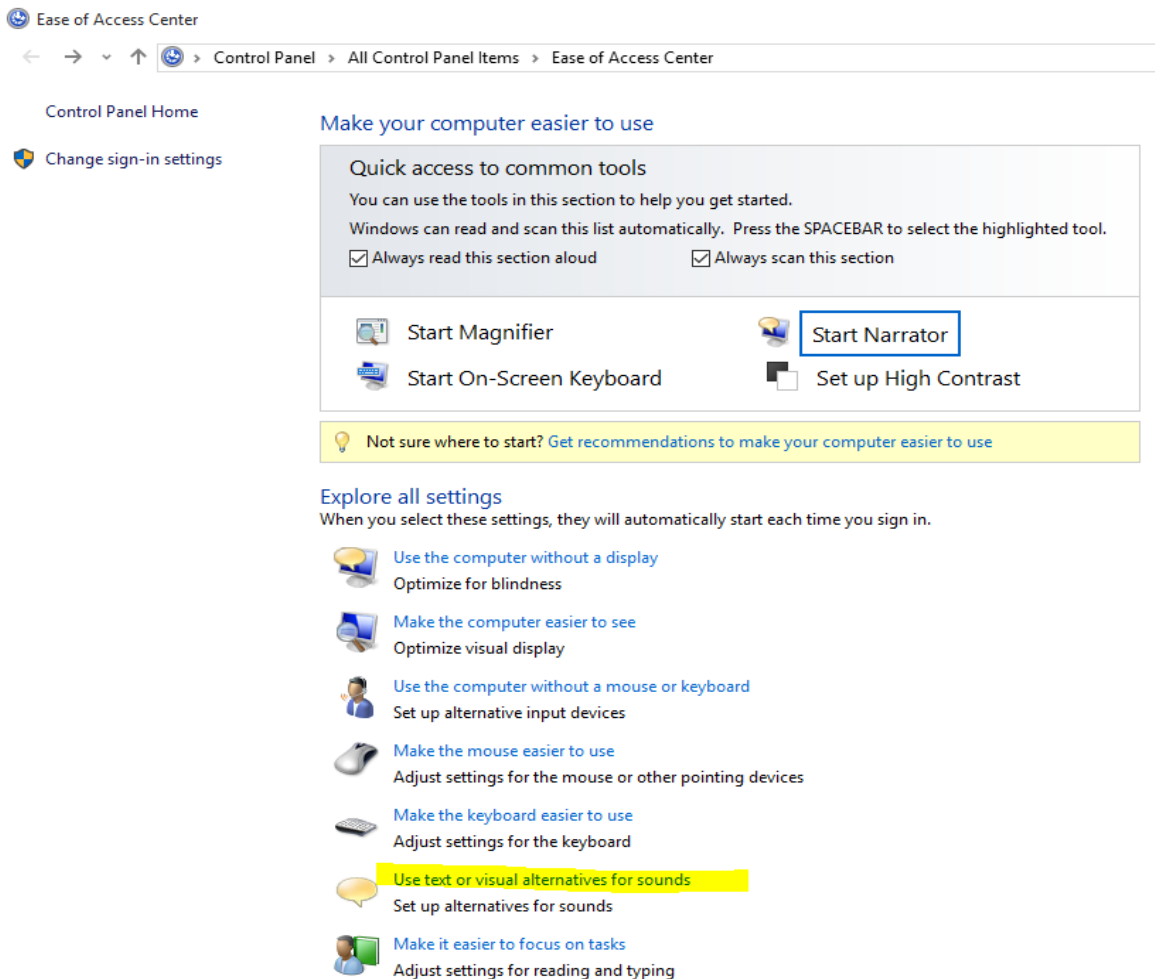
To enable Sound Sentry

Open the 'Ease of Access' settings by pressing the 'Windows logo key'  + 'U' on the keyboard

OR








Open the 'Control panel' and click on 'Ease of Access'

Choose the option 'Use text or visual alternatives for sounds'



The screenshot shows the Windows Ease of Access Center interface. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Control Panel > All Control Panel Items > Ease of Access Center". Below this, there are navigation links for "Control Panel Home" and "Change sign-in settings". The main heading is "Make your computer easier to use". Under this heading, there is a section for "Quick access to common tools" with a description and two checked options: "Always read this section aloud" and "Always scan this section". Below this are four buttons: "Start Magnifier", "Start On-Screen Keyboard", "Start Narrator" (which is highlighted with a blue box), and "Set up High Contrast". A yellow banner below these buttons says "Not sure where to start? Get recommendations to make your computer easier to use".

Below the "Make your computer easier to use" section, there is a heading "Explore all settings" with the subtext "When you select these settings, they will automatically start each time you sign in." This is followed by a list of settings, each with an icon and a description:

-  [Use the computer without a display](#)
Optimize for blindness
-  [Make the computer easier to see](#)
Optimize visual display
-  [Use the computer without a mouse or keyboard](#)
Set up alternative input devices
-  [Make the mouse easier to use](#)
Adjust settings for the mouse or other pointing devices
-  [Make the keyboard easier to use](#)
Adjust settings for the keyboard
-  [Use text or visual alternatives for sounds](#)
Set up alternatives for sounds
-  [Make it easier to focus on tasks](#)
Adjust settings for reading and typing

Under 'use visual cues instead of sounds' put a tick on the check box of 'Turn on Sound sentry', activate the drop-down menu labelled 'Choose visual warning' and select from the following options:

- **None**
- **Flash active caption bar**
- **Flash the active window**
- **Flash desktop**

After Completion of the settings click on apply button and click OK

Use text or visual alternatives for sounds

← → ▾ ↑  > Control Panel > All Control Panel Items > Ease of Access Center > Use text or visual alternatives for sounds

Use text or visual alternatives for sounds

When you select these tools, they will automatically start each time you sign in.

Use visual cues instead of sounds

Turn on visual notifications for sounds (Sound Sentry)

Choose visual warning

None

Flash active caption bar

Flash active window

Flash desktop

Turn on text captions for spoken dialog (when available)

See also

[Audio Devices and Sound Themes](#)

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OK

Cancel

Apply