The dictionary Manager

If you haven’t noticed yet, and I’m sure you have, JAWS does not pronounce every word accurately. JAWS has to guess based on how a word is spelled how it ought to be pronounced. This means that it makes mistakes.

The JAWS dictionary manager is designed to help fix this problem for some words, by allowing one to enter a different way for JAWS to pronounce a word.

Freedom Scientific places over one hundred words in the dictionary manager by default, many of them for pronouncing Freedom Scientific related items.

You can add as many words as you would like.

Go to JAWS, enter the utilities menu, and open the dictionary manager.

JAWS organizes the items in the dictionary manager by language, since different pronunciation corrections need to be made for each language. You can choose to edit items within a particular language, or add them to the main list and they will change for all contexts. If you have JAWS set to use different voices, you can set specific words to be pronounced differently just by a specific voice, by going within that voice’s folder within the language folder.

Notice that the entries in the dictionary manager contain two pieces of information, the original pronunciation of the word and the new pronunciation.

Navigate to the English section, and find how JAWS would pronounce each of the following items if it were not entered in the dictionary manager

1. FAQ

2. ETC.

3. FYI

4. Windchill

Now tab over to the add button, and get JAWS to pronounce the following words correctly. Note: you may need to try a few different spellings until you get what you want; feel free to be creative.

Paste the spelling you chose to you below each word.

5. Minnesotan

6. Tortilla

7. Basil

Add any other words that you would like to the dictionary manager and write them below. This would be a good time to add your name if JAWS does not pronounce it correctly.