The touch cursor is designed for use on Tablet computers. It can also be used to review text on the screen. It has a series of keyboard commands which can be used on any computer, even if it is not a tablet. You will notice that navigation feels much like navigating a smart phone, using Voiceover or talkback. The touch cursor provides an extra element of navigation for Jaws users, and can be used to literally explore the layout of your screen. The text review mode can be used to read text found at the current position of the touch cursor. More on this in a moment. If using the keyboard, the touch cursor is activated with the Shift+PC cursor keys. On a desktop keyboard, the PC cursor key is the plus key, on the numpad.

On a laptop, the touch cursor is activated by pressing Shift+Capslock+Semi colon. Once in touch cursor mode, you can use key commands, or touch gestures if you wish. Note: Touch gestures only work if you are using Jaws on a tablet computer.

## Text review mode

In text review mode, you can use the Touch Cursor to read text found at the current location. For example, while browsing the Microsoft store, you may hear the description of an app, but while in the touch cursor’s default mode, you are not able to review said text. If you wish to take your time reviewing the text of said app description, Press Jaws key plus Enter. Jaws will play a sound to indicate that you are in text review mode. Now, use your standard reading commands to read the text in the

window. You can also copy the text which your are reading, using standard windows commands.

## Element types

You can navigate by various element types in touch cursor mode. For example, you can navigate by form controls, regions, links, headings, ETC. For instance, in the Microsoft store, using the touch cursor to navigate by list elements is a great way to move through search results. Using the page up/page down keys, you can choose the type of element you want to navigate, then press up/down arrows to navigate that element. This is the Jaws equivilant of using the rotor on a iPhone, for example.

## Key commands

Use the following keys to control the touch cursor.

* Activate touch cursor, Jaws key Plus Numpad plus. If on laptop, Shift plus Jaws key plus semi colon.
* Deactivate touch cursor, Numpad plus, or Caps lock semi colon on a laptop.
* Move right one element, right arrow
* Move left one element, left arrow.
* Text review mode: Jaws key plus Enter
* Move by navigation element, such as Headings, regions, form controls, ETC: up/down arrows.
* Change navigation element type: page up/page down

## Examples

Open the Windows calculator. Activate the touch cursor, and answer the following questions.

1. The controls for this application are arranged in groups. How many groups are there?
2. Where is the num number pad group?