

Kurzweil Educational Systems

## Product Overview

### Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh



Believe you **can**

Kurzweil 3000 is the premier reading, writing and learning software for struggling students. Because Kurzweil 3000 is also content independent, teachers in elementary, middle and secondary schools alike use it to help students succeed in the classroom regardless of their curriculum.

Educators and independent research have demonstrated that Kurzweil 3000 provides not only the tools students need to improve their fluency, automaticity, reading speed and comprehension, but also the features that make it possible for them to learn and study independently. With the aid of visual and auditory feedback, the software helps students keep up with assigned reading, learn critical study skills and successfully complete writing projects and tests, both formal and informal. The software can access virtually any document or publication, whether printed or electronic. It then reads the words aloud to the student in clear, synthetic speech while a patented dual highlighting feature adds visual reinforcement. Educators can measure students' true abilities with Kurzweil 3000's customizable testing accommodations thereby conforming to individual IEP requirements, learning styles and preferences.

With Kurzweil 3000, students and educators can also mark main ideas, extract outlines, create voice notes and add annotations. Integrated reference tools such as dictionary, synonyms, syllables, spell word and audible spell checking, facilitate both reading and writing. Students also have access to hundreds of electronic texts contained on the Kurzweil Educational Classic Literature CD.

Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh is adaptable for both individual and group instruction.

#### Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh Features and Benefits

##### Macintosh User Interface

Kurzweil 3000 is designed specifically for Macintosh computers. The clear, concise user interface appeals to a wide range of users from elementary school to college, and saves students and educators valuable learning and teaching time.

##### Unique Test-Taking Capabilities

With Kurzweil 3000, students can independently complete worksheets, classroom tests or standardized exams with greater confidence and fewer mistakes. Students requiring accommodations can seamlessly answer fill-in-the blanks, multiple choice, true/false, short answer and essay questions, while using a customized selection of writing tools, comprehension aids and visual modifications as appropriate.

##### Powerful Study Skills Tools

Students improve their reading comprehension and retention with tools that facilitate active reading including highlighting, annotations, voice notes, bookmarks and extraction of outlines or word lists. With the same tools, teachers can personalize instruction to suit student needs and learning styles.

##### Quick Access to Reference Lookup Tools

One-click access to word support, including a recursive dictionary, synonyms, syllables and spell word, helps students with decoding and keeps them reading with better understanding of words and their meanings.

##### Flexible Writing Tools

As students type, they can use the check-spelling-while-typing and speak-while-typing features so they can quickly recognize and correct spelling mistakes. These tools, along with the fully integrated audible spell checker, assist students with modifying and creating projects, worksheets and papers without teacher intervention.

##### Patented Dual Highlighting

Kurzweil 3000's patented dual highlighting employs a multi-sensory approach to improving students' reading performance by highlighting a sentence, line or phrase in one color and highlighting each word in another color as it is read aloud.

##### Access to Electronic Files

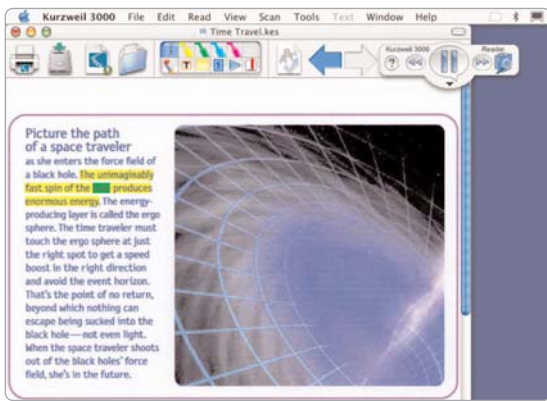
In addition to Kurzweil Educational Systems' proprietary format, Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh opens and works with many types of electronic files, including: Microsoft Word, AppleWorks, ClarisWorks, RTF and PDF files. Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh also shares files with Kurzweil 3000 for Windows, creating a library of electronic books and documents in an accessible format throughout the district.

##### Classical Literature CD

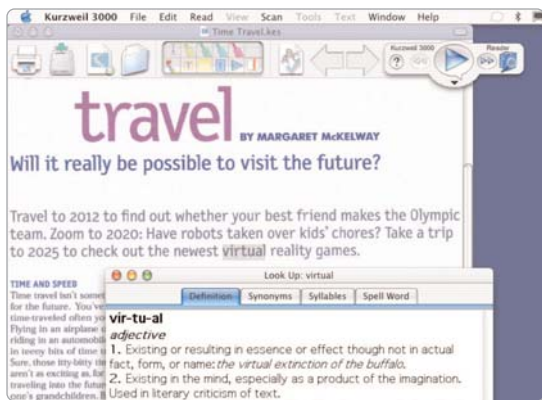
Students and teachers have access to the Kurzweil Educational Systems' Classic Literature CD which contains hundreds of electronic texts including literary classics for both adults and children, reference materials and historical manuscripts.

##### Accurate Display of Graphics and Illustrations with Text

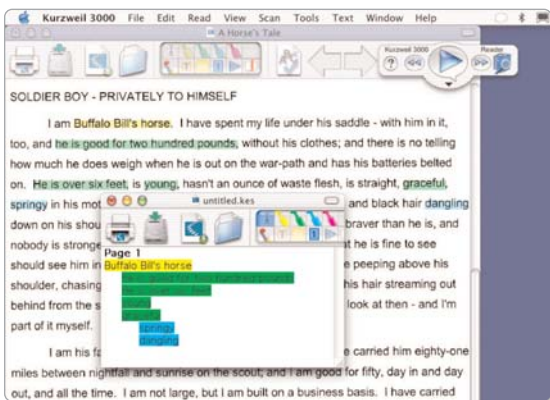
Fast and accurate scanning saves teachers and students valuable time and increases accessibility to print material. Kurzweil 3000 displays and retains the original text and graphics, in color or black and white, providing additional sensory and contextual information.



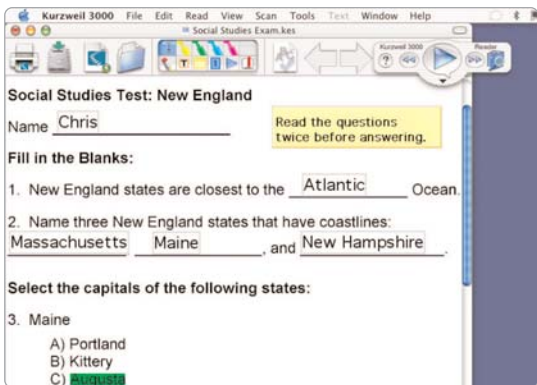
*Dual highlighting — Patented dual color highlighting aids student attention, comprehension and retention by contrasting the current word with the surrounding line, sentence, or phrase.*



*Lookup — One-click access to word support provides quick definitions, synonyms, syllables and spell word.*



*Extract text — Users can create outlines, study guides and vocabulary lists with ease using Kurzweil 3000's highlighting and extraction features.*



*Test taking — Students make the grade with Kurzweil 3000's test taking features. They can complete any test or worksheet — multiple choice, fill-in-the-blanks, true/false, short answer or essay — while using, as appropriate, all of the audible and visual tools for reading and writing.*

**“When I had my writing read back to me I was happy because it made sense and I felt smart!”**

**Chris Harrington** Grade 6 Student  
Wellesley Public Schools, Wellesley, MA

**“It is really exciting to have a version of Kurzweil 3000 running on Mac OS X. Students will benefit greatly from its ease of use and the dictionary supports and study tools that are built into Kurzweil 3000. This is a wonderful product and one that the Macintosh educational community will embrace!”**

**Brian S. Friedlander** Ph.D., Assistive Technology Editor  
Inclusion Times, Port Murray, NJ

**“Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh has won me over. I really like the simplicity of the user interface, especially the floating Reader. My students are more motivated to read and learn. They are excited and feel the power of being independent learners!”**

**Janine Struyde** Inclusion Resource Teacher  
Fecteau-Leary Middle School, Lynn, MA

## Hardware and Software Requirements

To use Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh effectively, you will need a computer and scanner that meet or exceed the hardware and software requirements listed below:

- Operating System: Mac® OS version 9.2.2 or Mac OS X version 10.2.4 or higher
- Minimum Processor: G3 Macintosh capable of running Mac OS version 9.2.2 or Mac OS X version 10.2.4
- Memory: 64MB minimum, 128MB recommended (OS 9) or 128MB (OS X)
- Hard Disk Space: 100MB
- Display: 800 x 600 screen
- Scanner: Fully TWAIN-compatible scanner for Mac OS 9. Image Capture-compatible for Mac OS X.

For complete list of preferred scanners, please see our website.

## For More Information

Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh is available in single-user, 5-unit lab packs or volume discount licenses. For more information on Kurzweil 3000 for Macintosh, please see our website or contact a local reseller.

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