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Accessibility Options



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Introduction

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Who are the accessibility options intended for?

The accessibility options are intended for users who encounter difficulties viewing the standard AssetCenter user interface in Windows.

What are the accessibility options used for?

The accessibility options are used at different levels:

- Modifying the visual aspect [page 11]
- Screen reader software [page 13]
- Mouseless navigation [page 19]

How to use this guide

Modifying the visual aspect

This chapter explains how to configure the AssetCenter display options in order to improve visual comfort.

Screen reader software

This chapter includes information on the following points:

- Supported screen readers [page 13]
- Configuring AssetCenter to associate it with a screen reader [page 14]
- Configuring JAWS so that it translates visual information in AssetCenter into appropriate sound information [page 15]
- Customizing the behavior of JAWS [page 16]

Mouseless navigation

This chapter explains how to navigate in the AssetCenter Windows client using a mouse.

Conventions used in this guide

What follows is a list of the conventions that we use in this guide

Convention	Description
Java Script Code	Example of the code or command
Fixed-width characters	DOS command, function parameter or data format
	Portion of omitted code or command.
Note:	Informative note
Extra information	
Important:	Important information for the user
Be careful	

Convention	Description
Tip:	Tip
User tip	
Warning:	Extremely important information for the user
Exercise caution	
Object	AssetCenter interface object: menu, menu entry, tab or button.

The following conventions are also used:

- The steps that we ask you to follow are listed in a defined ordered (in a numbered list). For example
 - 1 First step
 - 2 Second step
 - 3 Third and last step
- All illustrations and tables are numbered according to the chapter in which they appear and the order in which they appear in that chapter. For example, the title of the fourth table of chapter two will be prefixed by **Table 2-4**.

1 Modifying the visual aspect

To improve you visual comfort, you can modify certain options in the AssetCenter Windows client:

- 1 Start the AssetCenter Windows client
- 2 Connect to your database
- 3 Display the options (Edit/ Options menu)
- 4 Modify the display options that can improve your visual comfort.

These options are located in the following branches:

- Accessibility
- Display
- Edit/ Colors
- Lists
- 5 Exit the AssetCenter Windows client to save these options



This chapter explains how to associate the AssetCenter Windows client with a screen reader.

💋 Note:

The help on fields and links, as well as the on-line help are recognized by screen reader software.

Supported screen readers

AssetCenter uses the **MSAA** standard to act as a server.

Software using this standard can act as MSAA clients of AssetCenter.

In particular, this is the case of:

- Microsoft Narrator
- Freedom Scientific JAWS

Configuring AssetCenter to associate it with a screen reader

- 1 Start the AssetCenter Windows client
- 2 Connect to your database
- 3 Display the options (Edit/ Options menu)
- 4 Modify the following options if appropriate:
 - Accessibility/ Modify the title of the application
 - Options in the Accessibility/ Screen reader tools/ MSAA branch
- 5 Exit the AssetCenter Windows client to save these options

Configuring AssetCenter to associate it with JAWS

- 1 Start the AssetCenter Windows client
- 2 Connect to your database
- 3 Display the options (Edit/ Options menu)
- 4 Set the Accessibility/ Screen reader tools/ JAWS/ Publish the Windows classes of the application option to Yes
- 5 Exit the AssetCenter Windows client to save these options

This configuration makes it possible to map the AssetCenter classes and the standard Windows classes.

JAWS is thus able to correctly identify the AssetCenter classes, thus enabling the scripts that we have provided.

You can modify these scripts.

ጆ Note:

In the standard Windows terminology, a **window class** is a set of attributes that are used as a template by Windows to display a **window**.

The term **window** designates all types of objects that can be displayed: Frame, label, edit zone, etc.

Each Windows **class** is associated with a procedure that processes all objects of the same class in the same way (behavior and display).

To avoid any confusion between the terms **window** and **screen**, we will use the term **class** to designate the objects displayed by Windows.

Configuring JAWS so that it translates visual information in AssetCenter into appropriate sound information

- 1 Install JAWS on the same computer as the AssetCenter windows client
- 2 Start a Windows Explorer
- **3** Go to the **JAWS** sub-folder of the AssetCenter installation folder. Example:

C:\Program Files\Peregrine\AssetCenter\JAWS

- 4 Copy the contents of the JAWS sub-folder (am. * files) to the Clipboard
- 5 Go to the **settings** sub-folder of the JAWS installation folder.
- 6 Go to one of the following sub-folders:
 - If you are using JAWS in English (Language/ JAWS Language/ English menu in JAWS): ENU sub-folder

Example: C:\Program Files\JAWS451\SETTINGS\ENU.

 If you are using JAWS in French (Language/ JAWS Language/ French menu in JAWS): FRA sub-folder

Example: C:\Program Files\JAWS451\SETTINGS\FRA.

7 In this sub-folder, paste the files you have copied

Using these files, JAWS is able to recognize the nature of the information coming from AssetCenter and translate it into appropriate sound information.

Customizing the behavior of JAWS

JAWS enables you to customize the way in which it translates visual information into sound information.

Refer to the JAWS documentation for instructions.

Advanced use: JAWS scripting and class mapping

To know the name of an AssetCenter class to be processed with JAWS:

- 1 Start the AssetCenter Windows client
- 2 Connect to the database to be configured
- 3 Display the options (Edit/ Options menu)
- 4 Activate the Accessibility/ Screen reader tools/ JAWS/ Register the Windows application classes in a JCF file and enter the full path of the file that will store the names of the classes displayed by AssetCenter
- 5 Exit the AssetCenter Windows client to save these options
- 6 Start the AssetCenter Windows client
- 7 Connect to your database
- 8 Display the objects whose class names you want to know.

The names and descriptions of the classes are saved in the file defined by the Accessibility/ Screen reader tools/ JAWS/ Register the Windows application classes in a JCF file option.

The saved file respects the JAWS JCF format.

🐓 Warning:

The classes are only registered once they are displayed during an AssetCenter session.

To re-register a class, exit then relaunch AssetCenter; The classes will register again.

Customizable files reference

 am.jcf: Mapping table (lookup table) of AssetCenter classes and standard Windows classes (as recognized by JAWS)

- am.jsm: Text of messages used in the form of variables in am.jss
- am.jss: JAWS customization script for AssetCenter
- am.jsb: Compiled version of am.jss
- am.jkm: Mapping table (lookup table) of keyboard shortcuts and script functions in am.jss

Using screen reader software

Refer to the documentation of your screen reader for details on how to use this.

Testing with Microsoft Narrator

- 1 Start the AssetCenter Windows client
- 2 Connect to the demonstration database
- 3 Display the options (Edit/ Options menu)
- 4 Set the Accessibility/ Screen reader tools/ MSAA compliance/ Notify activation of an MDI window option to Yes
- 5 Populate the Accessibility/ Modify the title of the application option
- 6 Exit the AssetCenter Windows client to save these options
- 7 Start Microsoft Narrator (hold down both the **Windows** and **U** keys, then start Microsoft Narrator)
- 8 Start the AssetCenter Windows client
- 9 Connect to the demonstration database
- 10 Perform several test manipulations with AssetCenter



This chapter explains how to navigate without using a mouse in the AssetCenter Windows client.

Conventions:

- Button: Graphical element of a dialog box
- Activate a button: This consists of pressing Enter or Return to execute the action corresponding to the button
- Key: Keyboard element
- Pressing a key: Consists simply of depressing a keyboard key

For more information on navigating in AssetCenter: > AssetCenter - User Interface guide, chapter First steps with AssetCenter.

💡 Tip:

The following is an example of reading tables taken from the table Mouseless navigation - General functions [page 20]:

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Refresh caches	Keyboard: Control + F5
(Application window)	

Desired action: Refresh the caches.

To do this, you must first select an object in the **Application window**. Doing this defines the context of the action.

Once the focus is placed on the required context, you can perform the described manipulation: Press the **Ctrl + F5** key combination.

General functions

Table 3.1. Mouseless navigation - General functions

Intended action (followed by the context)	Со	rresponding manipulations
Start the AssetCenter Windows client	1	The Windows key
	2	Programs/ Peregrine/ AssetCenter/ Pereg- rine AssetCenter menu
Connect to an AssetCenter database	1	Start the AssetCenter Windows client
	2	Populate the Connection , Login and Pass- word fields
	3	Activate the Open button
	4	AssetCenter sometimes displays a dialog box just after connection.
		A sound signal warns you of this.
		If this signal is not accompanied by a sound, the dialog box might not be activated.
		Press the Alt + Tab key combination to en- able the dialog box.

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Refresh caches	Keyboard: Control + F5
(Application window)	
Print	Keyboard: Control + P
(Application window)	
Display the online Help	Keyboard: F1
(Application window)	General menu: Help/ Index
Exit the AssetCenter Windows client	Keyboard: Alt + F4
(Application window)	

Menus

Table 3.2. Mouseless navigation - Menus

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Display the Resize and Move menu of the As-	Keyboard: Press and release the Alt, Down ar-
setCenter application window	row and Up arrow keys successively
(Application window, no window within the	
application open)	
Display the Resize and Move menu of a win-	Keyboard: Press and release the Alt, Down ar-
dow within the AssetCenter application win-	row and Up arrow keys successively
dow	
(Window)	
Select the menu bar	Keyboard: Alt
(Application window)	
Move from one option to another in the menu	Keyboard: Left arrow or Right arrow
bar	
(Menu bar option or menu entry)	
Display the drop-down menu of an option in	Keyboard: Down arrow or Enter
the menu bar	
(Menu bar option)	
Display a shortcut menu	Keyboard: Shift + F10 or Menu
(Window component)	
Move within a drop-down menu	Keyboard: Up arrow or Down arrow
(Menu entry)	

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Display the shortcut menu enabling you to	Displaying the shortcut menu that enables you
add, duplicate or delete a link appearing as	to add, duplicate, or delete a link is not practical
a sub-tab	when the links are displayed in the form of sub- tabs.
	We recommend displaying the links in list form:
	1 Select any component of the current tab (except for the name of the tab itself)
	2 Shortcut menu: Display in list-form

Record list and detail windows

Table 3.3. Mouseless navigation - List/ Detail windows

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations							
Display the detail only	Keyboard: F7							
(List/Detail window)	General menu: Window/ Detail only							
	Shortcut menu: Detail only							
Display the list only	Keyboard: F6							
(List/Detail window)	General menu: Window/ List only							
	Shortcut menu: List only							
Display the list and the detail	Keyboard: F8							
(List/Detail window)	General menu: Window/ List and detail							
	Shortcut menu: List and detail							
Refresh the information in the list and detail	Keyboard: F5							
(List/Detail window)	General menu: Window/ Refresh							
Move the separator between the list and the	Keyboard:							
detail	1 Enable moving the separator bar by press-							
(List/Detail window)	ing the F8 key							
	2 Press the Up arrow and Down arrow keys to move the separator bar up or down							
	3 Confirm the new position of the separator by pressing Enter							

Record lists

Table 3.4. Mouseless navigation - Main record lists

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Create a record	Keyboard: Insert
(List zone)	
Delete a record	Keyboard: Del
(List zone)	
Select the current record in the list zone	Keyboard: Alt + F6
(List/Detail window)	Shortcut menu: Navigate to/ List
Displaying the records in the list without tree	General menu: Window/ Table view
structure	Shortcut menu: Table view
(List zone)	
Displaying the records in the list with tree	General menu: Window/ Tree view
structure	Shortcut menu: Tree view
(List zone)	
Select the record at the start of the list (taking	Keyboard:
all filters and sorts into account)	Control + F11
(List/Detail window or list zone only)	Home
	General menu: Edit/ Start
Select the record at the end of the list (taking	Keyboard:
all filters and sorts into account)	Control + F12
(List/Detail window or list zone only)	End
	General menu: Edit/ End
Select the next record in the list	General menu: Edit/ Next
(List/Detail window)	
Select the previous record in the list	General menu: Edit/ Previous
(List/Detail window)	
Display the previous list page (taking all filters	Keyboard: Page up
and sorts into account)	
(List zone)	
and sorts into account)	Keyboard: Page down
(List zone)	
Load the previous set of records	Shortcut menu: Load next/ Downward
(List zone)	

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Load the next set of records	Shortcut menu: Load next/ Upward
(List zone)	
Add a field or a link in the form of a column in the list zone	Shortcut menu: Add this column to the list
(Field or link edit zone)	
Remove a field or link from the columns in a list zone	Shortcut menu: Utilities/ Remove this column
(Column)	
Modify the width of columns in order to fill the exact width of the window. The space taken up by each individual column remains in proportion with the other columns.	Keyboard: F9
(List zone)	
Adjust the width of columns according to the width of the largest item of text contained in the column (for those records loaded in memory).	Keyboard: Control + F9
(List zone)	
Search for a record (taking all filters and sorts	Keyboard: Control + G
into account)	Shortcut menu: Go to
(List zone sorted on the columns to be explored)	
Select all records in a list	Keyboard: Control + A
(List/Detail window)	General menu: Edit/ Select all
Select a group of records	Keyboard: Hold down the Shift key and extend
(First selected record in the list zone)	the selection using the Down arrow or the Up arrow
Configure a record list	Shortcut menu: Utilities/ Configure list
(List zone)	
Add a simple filter to a list	General menu: <table name="">/ Simple filter</table>
(List or List/Detail window zone)	or <table name="">/ And/ Simple filter Shortcut menu: Simple filter or And/ Simple</table>
	filter
Add a simple filter to a field or a list	Shortcut menu: Filter on this field
(Field edit zone)	
Add a simple filter to a link or a list	Shortcut menu: Filter on this link
(Link edit zone)	
Add a query filter to a list	General menu: <table name="">/ Query filter</table> or
(Field or link edit zone)	<pre>< Lable name>/ And/ Query filter Shortcut menu: Query filter or And/ Query fil- ter</pre>

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Group the records by a field	Shortcut menu: Group by this field
(Field edit zone)	
Group the records by a link	Shortcut menu: Group by this link
(Link edit zone)	
Refresh the status bar of the list	Shortcut menu: Utilities/ Refresh status bar
(List zone)	

Table 3.5. Mouseless navigation - Lists within tabs

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Display the list in the form of tabs (not recom-	Shortcut menu: Display in tab-form
mended when using the mouse)	
(List zone)	
Display the list in table form (recommended	Shortcut menu: Display in list-form
for ease of use with the mouse)	
(List zone)	
Add a link	Shortcut menu: Add a link
(List zone)	
Duplicate a link	Shortcut menu: Duplicate linked record
(List zone)	
Delete a link	Shortcut menu: Delete link
(List zone)	
View detail of link	Shortcut menu: Show detail of link
(List zone)	
Copy links	Control + C key combination
(List zone)	Edit/ Copy menu
Cut links	Keyboard:
(List zone)	1 Control + X key combination
	2 Modify button
	General menu:
	1 Edit/ Cut menu
	2 Modify button

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Paste links	Keyboard:
(List zone)	1 Control + V key combination
	2 Modify button
	General menu:
	1 Edit/ Paste menu
	2 Modify button
Delete links	Keyboard:
(List zone)	1 Delete key
	2 Modify button
	General menu:
	1 Edit/ Delete menu
	2 Modify button

Table 3.6. Mouseless navigation - Lists in table form

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Display a list in table form	Keyboard: Control + L
(List/Detail window)	
Select the previous record (taking all filters	Keyboard:
and sorts into account)	■ F11
(List/Detail window or list zone only)	Up arrow
Select the next record (taking all filters and	Keyboard:
sorts into account)	■ F12
(List/Detail window or list zone only)	Down arrow

Table 3.7. Mouseless navigation - Lists in tree form

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Display a list in tree form	Keyboard: Control + T
(List/Detail window)	
Unfold a whole list displayed in tree form	Shortcut menu: Unfold/ Two levels (or Three
(List displayed as tree structure zone)	levels or All)
Fold a whole list displayed in tree form	Shortcut menu: Unfold/ One level
(List displayed as tree structure zone)	

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Activate or disactivate Left arrow and Rignt	General menu:
arrow keys to unfold or fold a node in a tree	1 Edit/ Options menu
structure	2 Select the Lists/ Arrow keys used to
(Application window)	open/close nodes in tree structures option
	3 Set this option to Yes
Navigation when the Lists/ Arrow keys used t	o open/close nodes in tree structures option
(Edit/ Options menu) is selected	
Unfold a tree node	Keyboard: Right arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Fold a tree node	Keyboard: Left arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Select the parent	Keyboard: Left arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Select the next visible record	Keyboard: Down arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Select the previous visible record	Keyboard: Up arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Select the next column	Keyboard: Shift + Right arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Select the previous column	Keyboard: Shift + Down arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Navigation when the Lists/ Arrow keys used t	o open/close nodes in tree structures option
(Edit/ Options menu) is cleared	
Select the next column	Keyboard: Right arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Select the previous column	Keyboard: Left arrow
(Tree-structured list)	
Unfold a node in the list displayed in tree	Keyboard: +
form	
(Node)	
Fold a node in the list displayed in tree form	Keyboard: -
(Node)	
Fully unfold a node in the list displayed in	Keyboard: *
tree form	
(Node)	
Fully fold a node in the list displayed in tree	Keyboard: /
torm	
(Node)	

Record details

Table 3.8. Mouseless navigation - Record detail

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Select the first field or link of a detail zone	Keyboard: Alt + F7
(List/Detail window)	Shortcut menu: Navigate to/ Detail
Select the next field or link	Keyboard: Tab
(Field or link edit zone)	
Select the previous field or link	Keyboard: Shift + Tab
(Field or link edit zone)	
Select the name of a tab or sub-tab	Keyboard: Hold down thhe Tab key until the
(List/Detail window)	name of the tab or the sub-tab is selected
Select the next tab	Keyboard: Control + Page down
(Any component of the current tab (tab, field, link or button name, for example) except the components of the sub-tabs of the current tab)	
Select the next tab	Shortcut menu: Next tab
(Name of the tab)	
Select the previous tab	Keyboard: Control + Page up
(Any component of the current tab (tab, field,	
link or button name, for example) except the	
components of the sub-tabs of the current tab)	
Select the previous tab	Shortcut menu: Previous tab
(Name of the tab)	
Configure the tab	General menu: Tools/ Configure tabs
(Title of a tab or record zone)	Shortcut menu: Configure tabs
Select the first button of the button zone	Keyboard: Alt + F8
(List/Detail window)	Shortcut menu: Navigate to/ Buttons
Select the next button	Keyboard: Tab
(Button)	
Select the previous button	Keyboard: Shift + Tab
(Button)	
Activate a button	Keyboard: Enter
(Button)	

Table 3.9. Mouseless navigation - Fields and links of a detail

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Select a value in a drop-down list	Keyboard: Enter
(Drop-down list)	
Configure the field or the link	Keyboard: Alt + Enter
(Field or link edit zone)	Shortcut menu: Configure object
Display help on the field or link	Keyboard: Shift + F1
(Field or link edit zone)	General menu: Help/ Help on this field
· · · · · ·	Shortcut menu: Help on this field
Copy the text from a field or link to the Clip-	Keyboard: Control + C
board	General menu: Edit/ Copy
(Field or link edit zone)	
Paste text in a field or link	Keyboard: Control + V
(Field or link edit zone)	General menu: Edit/ Paste
Cut text in a field or link	Keyboard: Control + X
(Field or link edit zone)	General menu: Edit/ Cut
Delete text in a field or link	Keyboard: Del
(Field or link edit zone)	Shortcut menu: Edit/ Delete
Edit a Basic script	Keyboard: F4
(Script edit zone)	Shortcut menu: Zoom

Table 3.10. Mouseless navigation - Fields of a detail

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Display the drop-down list used to populate a field	Keyboard: Down arrow
(Field edit zone)	
Check or clear a checkbox	Keyboard: Spacebar
(Checkbox)	
Increment by one unit the value of a numeric field	Keyboard: Up arrow
(Number field edit zone)	
Activate the calculator	Keyboard: Alt + Down arrow
(Number field edit zone)	
Decrease the value of a numeric field	Keyboard: Down arrow
(Number field edit zone)	

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Edit the value of a currency	Shortcut menu: Edit currency
(Money field edit zone)	
Set an alarm for a field	Shortcut menu: Edit alarm
(Date field edit zone)	
Insert the current date and time	Keyboard: Control + ;
(Date or date and time field edit zone)	

Table 3.11. Mouseless navigation - Links in a detail

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Display the drop-down list used to populate a link	Keyboard: Alt + Down arrow
(Link edit zone)	
Select a link in a choice window instead of a drop-down list	Shortcut menu: Select link
(Link edit zone)	
Display the detail of a link	Keyboard: F4
(Link edit zone)	Shortcut menu: Show detail of link
Delete a link	Shortcut menu: Delete link
(Link edit zone)	

Wizards

Table 3.12. Mouseless navigation - Wizards

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Launch the wizard debugger	Keyboard: Shift + F9
(Wizard being executed)	

Modules Image: Note: These are the same options as given in the File/ Activate modules menu. Table 3.13. Mouseless navigation - Modules Intended action (followed by the context) Corresponding manipulations Moving within the enable/disable modules Keyboard: Up arrow or Down arrow window [Enable/Disable modules window] Select or deselect a module Select or deselect a module Keyboard: Spacebar (Module name) Keyboard: Spacebar

Database options

ጆ Note:

These are the same options as given in the **Adminstration**/ **Database options** menu.

Table 3.14. Mouseless navigation - Database options

Intended action (followed by the context)	Corresponding manipulations
Moving within the option edit window	Keyboard: Left arrow or Right arrow
(Option)	

General options

ጆ Note:

These are the same options as given in the **Edit/ Options** menu.

Table 3.15. Mouseless navigation - General options

Intended action (followed by the context)	Со	Corresponding manipulations	
Edit the settings of an option	Ke	Keyboard:	
(Option)	1	Shift + Spacebar	
	2	To replace the current value, enter the new value directly,	
		or:	
		To change the current value, press Up ar- row or Down arrow .	
	3	To cancel any changes being made to the current option, press the Escape key	
	4	To validate the current entry, press Enter	

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