

# Access Technology Update



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**Topic:** Using “Reader” Firefox Add-On to De-Clutter Webpage and Gain Cleaner Reading Environment

**Why It Is Important:** Many webpages contain distracting information and images that can slow down students’ reading experience

**How to Do It:** To Use “Reader” Add-On:

- 1) Launch Firefox browser > Go to: <https://addons.mozilla.org> > enter “Reader” in search box > click on “Add to Firefox”
- 2) When encountering a page with lots of extraneous info, click the Reader icon and wait for window to adjust.
- 3) Scroll down in the window and read without clutter!



NOTE: By clicking on the down arrow next to the Reader icon, you can also:

- Change the font type, size, type, style, and color of the reader
- Adjust the background color
- Determine the width of the box
- Alter the color of the links

*To revert to the original formatting of your webpage, simply click on the Refresh button*

## Definition Du Jour:

*Vector Graphics:*

Graphics created from a system of paths determining the starting point and end point for lines and shapes. Unlike bitmap graphics, vector graphics do not lose their quality when zooming.

Source: [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

## Amazing Apps:

### Quizlet

- Flash-card creation app
- Access cards across platforms & share w/ students
- Fun games and exercises for reviewing cards
- Teacher version allows tracking of student activity
- Multiple versions (free, upgrade, and teacher)

## Technology in the News:

Eduardo Miranda has invented a Brain Computer Music Interface (BCMI) that enables paralyzed persons to write music. The program understands where a person’s eyes are focused through electrodes that capture brain activity. **Source: CNN.com**

## Windows and Tab Switching

ALT + TAB (all open windows) PC  
CTRL + TAB (browser tabs) PC  
COMMAND + TAB (all open windows) MAC  
COMMAND + SHIFT + [ or ] (browser tabs) MAC  
COMMAND + ACCENT (same program windows) MAC

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