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1 About LVI

LVI Low Vision International AB was founded in 1978 and is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of equipment for persons with visual impairments. Development of new products takes place in close cooperation with users and professional staff within the low vision rehabilitation industry. LVI is quality-certified in accordance with ISO 9001 and environmentally-certified in accordance with ISO 14001.

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2 Introducing MagniLink PCViewer

MagniLink PCViewer is a programme used on a computer to display images from a MagniLink camera system. The programme can control the camera properties, such as magnification level, artificial colours and brightness. If the camera supports OCR it is possible to OCR process a text and have it read aloud by a speech synthesiser. The programme also enables the computer screen to be shared with the ZoomText or SuperNova programmes.

2.1 Minimum system requirements

- Microsoft Windows 7.
- 2 integrated USB 2.0 ports.
- i3 processor, 1 GB RAM (32 bit) 2 GB RAM (64 bit).

2.2 Recommended system requirements

- Microsoft Windows 7.
- 1 integrated USB 3.0 port.
- i5 or i7 processor, 4 GB RAM, external graphics card with at least 512 MB inbuilt memory.

LVI has tested the software on several computers without any problems, but there is no guarantee that the system will function on all computers that comply with the specifications. LVI recommends testing the software on the computer where the system is to be used, in order to ensure compatibility. Better performing computers will facilitate better camera performance.
3 Installation of software

NOTE

Installation requires administrator privileges on the computer in question and is performed on the user account currently in use.

Insert the USB stick containing the software into one of the computer’s USB ports. Start the installation by clicking on the "Setup" file, which can be found in the “MagniLink PCViewer” folder.

When the installation program starts, follow the instructions on the screen to complete installation of the software, or see below for a more detailed description.

Select "Next" in the dialogue box "Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for MagniLink PCViewer".
Read the text in “License Agreement”, approve this by selecting “I accept the terms of the license agreement” and click on “Next” to start the installation.

If you have a camera with OCR functionality, then mark the language(s) for which you have a license. If you do not have OCR functionality, then do not select any languages. Then click "Next" to continue with the installation.
Select “Install” in the dialogue box “Ready to Install the Program”.

Select "Finish" in the dialogue box "InstallShield Wizard Complete".
4 Licensing

The camera system that is used with the software can be licensed with different functions.

- It is possible to license the system with or without OCR functionality.
- It is possible to license the system so that the software does not communicate with the internet.
- It is possible via the licence to remove the functions video recording and take picture.
- It is possible to license the system with voices in the following languages:
  English (US), English (UK), German, French, Finnish, Italian, Dutch (BE), Dutch (NL), Swedish, Danish, Polish, Spanish, Portuguese, Norwegian, English (AU), Russian, French (CA), Arabic, Hebrew, Hungarian, Rumanian, Bulgarian, Czech, Slovakian, Croatian, Turkish, Greek.

4.1 Computer license

The application can be licensed to a computer. It is then possible to use the application even if a camera is not connected. Licensing requires an activation key.

To activate a computer license, start the application without a camera plugged in. The following dialog will then appear.

![Activation dialog](image)

Click "activate". If the application can connect to the activation server, the following dialog will appear.
Enter your email address and your activation key. Click "activate". It is now possible to use the application without a camera.

If no internet connection is available or if the application can not connect to the activation server, the following dialog will appear. Follow the instructions and contact your local LVI distributor to activate the application.
5 Using the software

The software can be started from the icon on the desktop, from the start menu or using the short cut command Ctrl + Alt + S.

5.1 Functions via menus

The application consists of a window with tabs and groups of buttons. There is a tab for application settings and another tab for handling the camera. Depending on whether the system is licensed for OCR, there is also a tab for handling the OCR processed text.

This tab is only shown when a camera is connected.

1. Change colours
   Used to change between natural and artificial colours.

2. Decrease magnification

3. Increase magnification

4. Overview mode
   Reduces magnification to overview mode. Click again to restore the magnification. When overview mode is active, a sight is displayed in the middle of the video window.

5. Lock autofocus
   Locks the autofocus mode. This can be used when you wish to write by hand. In this way, autofocus is not affected by the pen or your hand. Press the button a second time to reactivate autofocus.

6. Focus up
   Reduce focus distance. When this function is used, autofocus is turned off.

7. Focus down
   Increase focus distance. When this function is used, autofocus is turned off.

8. Reduce brightness/contrast

9. Increase brightness/contrast

10. Reference line/bar left/up
    Adjust the position of the reference line. Press the button to move the reference line to the left. Hold the button in to change the
reference line to horizontal and move it upwards. The reference line then becomes a vertical bar which diminishes the viewing area. To make the bar horizontal, press the button again.

11. **Reference line/bar right/down**
   Same as the previous command but in the opposite direction.

12. **Reduce lamp brightness**

13. **Increase lamp brightness**

14. **Take snapshot**
   A dialogue box “Save pictures” opens. A file name (with the day’s date and time) and a folder (My Pictures) are automatically suggested. Just press “Enter” to save the picture. If you wish to save the picture somewhere else, or with another name or in another format, (the standard is JPG), you can change this manually. To save a picture quickly, hold down “Shift” when you press the button.

15. **Show pictures**
   Press to view the saved pictures. Mark the picture you wish to view and press Enter or select Open. The picture is normally opened in Windows’ standard picture-viewing programme where, among other things, the picture can be enlarged. To view the most recently saved picture quickly, hold down “Shift” when you press the button.

16. **Start/stop video recording**
   Press to open the “Save video clip” dialogue box. A file name (with the day’s date and time) and a folder (My video clips) are automatically suggested. Press Enter to save with the suggested name. If you wish to save the video in a different folder, or with another name, you can change this in the dialogue box. Stop the recording by pressing the button again. To start video recording quickly, hold down “Shift” when you press the button.

17. **Show video recording**
   Press to view the saved video files. Mark the video you wish to view and press Enter or select Open. The video is normally opened in Windows’ standard media player software. To view the most recently saved video recording quickly, hold down “Shift” when you press the button.

18. **Rotate the camera image**
   Rotates the camera image clockwise. To rotate anti clockwise, hold down Shift when you press the button.
19. **Mirror the camera image**  
   Press again to reverse the mirror image.

20. **Freeze the camera image**  
   Press again to release the freeze.

21. **OCR process** (Only shown if the system has a licence for OCR)  
   When OCR processing is complete, the programme changes to the OCR tab and the text is read. If there is already text under the OCR tab this is replaced. Hold down Shift when you press the button to insert the text on a new page.

22. **Whole image** (Only shown if the system has a licence for OCR)  
   When this is active, the whole camera image is shown. Otherwise edit in the image, depending on how large the camera window is.

23. **Next split mode**  
   Switches to the next split mode. To switch to the previous split mode, hold down Shift when you press the button.

24. **Always on top**  
   Activates/deactivates "always on top" If "Always on top" is activated, the camera image will be placed over other open applications. This means that another programme can be in focus and that you can for example use Word while looking at the camera image.

25. **Help**  
   Opens the user guide in the standard application for showing PDF files.
This tab is only shown if the system has a licence for OCR.

1. **Save documents**
   A dialogue box opens. A file name (today’s date and time) is suggested automatically. It is possible to save the text as a Word file (.docx), PDF file, text file (.txt), WAV file (.wav) or zip file.

2. **Open documents**
   A dialogue box opens. From the dialogue box, select the file to be opened. It is possible to open PDF files and image files, .bmp, .jpg, .png, .gif and .tiff, as well as saved zip files.

3. **Change colours**
   Changes colours of the OCR processed text.

4. **Font**
   Changes the font of the OCR processed text. It is also possible to choose bold and italic text. The font that is used has no effect on the result of the OCR processing.

5. **Font size**

6. **Start/Pause reading**

7. **Stop reading**
   The next reading will begin from the start of the text.

8. **Change display mode**
   Changes the display mode for OCR processed text. The display modes available are "page view", "row view", "word view", "image view", "image and word" and "image and row".

9. **Silent mode**
   Switches to silent display mode. There are two silent modes. One where the text moves horizontally on a line and one where the text moves vertically in a column.

10. **Read previous**
    With this button, the user can go backwards through the text. If the reading mode is set to character, one character is read for each keystroke. If the reading mode is word, you move backwards through the text word by word. If the reading mode is sentence, you move backwards one sentence. If the reading mode is block, you move backwards one block.
11. **Read next**
   With this command, the user can move forward in the text. If the reading mode is set as character, one character is read for each keystroke. If the reading mode is word, you move forward through the text word by word. If the reading mode is sentence, you move forwards one sentence. If the reading mode is block, you move forwards one block.

12. **Switch reading mode**
   This command selects the reading mode that is to be employed when the "Read previous" or "Read next" command is entered. The modes are, character, word, sentence, view and block. Which modes can be selected depends on the display mode.

13. **Volume setting**
14. **Speed setting**
15. **Pages**
   Shows all OCR processed pages. Click one of the pages to change page.

16. **Next split mode**
   Switches to the next split mode. To switch to the previous split mode, hold down Shift when you press the button.

17. **Always on top**
   Activates/deactivates "always on top"

18. **Help**
   Opens the user manual in the standard application for showing PDF files.
5.2 Functions via the keyboard

Most functions can be handled using the keyboard. The short cut commands can be changed in settings. Below are the standard settings for the short cut commands.

- **F1** Natural colours
- **F2** Positive colours forwards
- **Shift + F2** Positive colours backwards
- **F3** Negative colours forwards
- **Shift + F3** Negative colours backwards
- **Up arrow** Increase magnification
- **Down arrow** Decrease magnification
- **Ctrl + O** Overview mode
- **Ctrl + J** Autofocus on/off
- **Shift + Up arrow** Increase focusing distance
- **Shift + Down arrow** Decrease focusing distance
- **Right arrow** Increase brightness/contrast
- **Left arrow** Reduce brightness/contrast
- **Ctrl + Left arrow** Reference line left/up
- **Ctrl + Right arrow** Reference line right/down
- **Ctrl + 6** Reduce lamp brightness
- **Ctrl + 7** Increase lamp brightness
- **Ctrl + R** Rotate image clockwise
- **Ctrl + Shift + R** Rotate image anti clockwise
- **Ctrl + I** Reflect camera image
- **Ctrl + F** Freeze camera image
- **Ctrl + A** Always on top
- **Ctrl + H** Hide menus
- **F12** Open user guide
- **F9** Settings
- **F11** Standard settings
- **F7** Change camera resolution
Ctrl + C          Copy image or text
Ctrl + M          Minimise application
F8               Next split mode
Ctrl + F8         Previous split mode
Ctrl + Minus      Reduce menu size
Ctrl + Plus       Increase menu size
F5               Save picture
Shift + F5        Save picture quickly
F6               Open picture
Shift + F6        Open picture quickly
Ctrl + F5         Start video recording
Ctrl + Shift + F5 Start video recording quickly
Ctrl + F6         Open video
Ctrl + Shift + F6 Open video quickly

The following commands are only available together with cameras that are licensed for OCR.

F4               Start OCR
                 The text from OCR processing replaces existing text.
Shift + F4       Start OCR enter
                 The text from OCR processing is entered on a new page.
Ctrl + L         Whole image
                 Changes between whole image and cropped image.
Ctrl + V         Paste
                 The pasted text replaces existing text.
Ctrl + Shift + V Paste and add
                 The pasted text is added to a new page.
Ctrl + S         Column selector
                 Activates or deactivates the column selector. When the column selector is active, only those columns that are intersected by the column selector are OCR-processed.
V                Changes between camera tab and OCR tab
Alt + F5         Save documents
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<th>Keystroke</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<td>Alt + F6</td>
<td>Open documents</td>
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<tr>
<td>Up arrow</td>
<td>Increase magnification</td>
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<td>Down arrow</td>
<td>Decrease magnification</td>
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<td>Shift + Plus</td>
<td>Increase font size</td>
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<td>Shift + Minus</td>
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<td>Start reading</td>
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<td>Change display mode</td>
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<td>Silent mode</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Read previous</td>
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<td>Read next</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Switch reading mode</td>
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<td>Next page</td>
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<td>Page Up</td>
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<td>Remove the page in question</td>
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<td>Increase volume</td>
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<td>Reduce speaking speed</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Increase speaking speed</td>
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<td>Ctrl + 0</td>
<td>Next voice</td>
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<td>Pan left</td>
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<td>Pan right</td>
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<td>S</td>
<td>Pan down</td>
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*If several pages have been scanned, you move to the next page.*

*If several pages have been scanned, you move to the previous page.*

*If several pages have been scanned, you remove the page in question.*
5.3 Functions via the mouse
Some functions can be controlled by the mouse.
In camera mode.
- The scroll wheel can be used to zoom in or out.
In OCR-mode
- Left mouse button is used to start or pause the speech.
- By rolling the scroll wheel, the picture and font size can be increased or reduced.
- Press and hold the right mouse button or the scroll wheel and move the mouse to navigate the picture (only possible if picture has been magnified).

It is possible to open a document by dragging it into the application.

5.4 Information and settings window
The Information and settings window consists of a number of different tabs that contain application information and alternative settings.

5.4.1 About the application

![About the application](image)

Information regarding the software version and license can be found under this tab.
To deactivate a computer license, press "remove license". The license will then be deactivated on the server and it will be possible to activate it on another computer.

If you want to update the camera license or activate a computer license, you can do it by pressing the "enter license" button.

### 5.4.2 Application Settings

**Activate CCTV interface**
If this function is activated, MagniLink PCViewer supports working with the magnification software from ZoomText and SuperNova.

**Automatic updates**
This can be set if MagniLink PCViewer is to search for updates. You can also set how often it will search: “Once per day”, “Once per week” or “Once per month”. You can also choose to make updates manually by clicking “search for updates now” (note: an internet connection is needed for both automatic and manual updates).

**Language**
Change the language of the software. The software is set to use the same language as the computer’s default. If this language is not available, English is automatically selected as default.

Available languages:
- English
- German
- Danish
• Spanish
• Finnish
• French
• Dutch
• Norwegian
• Swedish

**Split screen mode**
It is possible to choose the mode you want when changing split screen mode.

**Settings profiles**
It is possible to save and load settings profiles.

**Menu size**
The size of the menus and buttons can be changed here.

**Groups**
It is possible to choose which groups of buttons appear in the menus.
5.4.3 Video Settings

Resolution
Select from the camera’s various resolution options. At resolution 1280x720, the frame rate can be set up to 60 Hz. At resolution 1920x1080, only 30 Hz is possible.

Frame rate
This setting allows the user to limit the frame rate. For the best video quality, the frame rate should be 60 Hz, but it may be appropriate to set the frame rate at 30 Hz for computers with a lower level of performance.

5.4.4 Recording Settings

Limit recording length
Activate this function if you wish to limit the length of recording.

Length in minutes
If you chose to limit the recording length, you can set the limit in minutes here, from 1 to 60 minutes.
Frame rate
The recording frame rate, the number of images recorded per second, can be set from 10 to 30 frames per second. A lower frame rate means a poorer quality video recording, but takes up less space on the hard disc.

Record sound
If your computer has a microphone (internal or external), sound can be added to the recording.

Sound source
Select which microphone is to be used to record sound for the video. Normally only one sound source may be selected.

5.4.5 Short cut commands

Here the short cut commands used for the application can be changed. To change a short cut command, tab to the command that is to be changed and enter the new keyboard combination. It is possible to set two different combinations for the same command. If a combination already being used for another command is entered, the other command will be erased. A new keyboard combination will need to be entered for the other command.
5.4.6 Speech Settings

Voice
If several voices are available, the user can choose between them.

Volume
Setting the sound level of the voice.

Speed
Setting the speaking speed.

Read command
When this is checked, the application reads out the menus when you use them.

5.4.7 OCR Settings

Font
Here the user can set which font is to be used to display the OCR processed text. The font that is used has no effect on the result of the OCR processing.
Column mode
When this setting is active, the OCR engine processes the text by column, which is useful if text from a newspaper is to be OCR processed.

Start speech after OCR
If this box is ticked, text will automatically be read aloud after an image has been OCR processed.

Automatic language identification
When this function is activated, the application attempts to identify the language that has been OCR processed and change the voice accordingly.

5.4.8 EUC

The camera can be configured under this tab. If you wish to save changes in the camera, press “Save”. When you do this, the camera restarts and the configuration has been saved.

Artificial colours
It is possible remove and change the cameras artificial colours.

- To remove a colour combination, press X
- To add to a colour combination, press enter.
- To change a colour combination, press one of the triangular zones and a colour dialogue will appear. Select colours and press OK.
- To remove either the positive or the negative component. Click out box P or N.
- To restore the colours, press Standard.

Grey scale
Choose if you wish to have grey scale or not.
Reference line
Set the size and colour of the reference line and choose if you wish to have reference line, bar or both.

Magnification
Set the maximum and minimum magnification.

5.5 Quality of OCR processing
In order to optimize the results of the OCR conversion, you should bear in mind the following.

- Ensure the magnification is sufficient. Very small text produces poor results in the OCR software. A minimum of 12pt is recommended for the lowest magnification on the reading camera.
- Avoid glossy paper as this results in reflections in the image. This impairs the results of the OCR conversion. If you intend to use glossy paper, we recommend that the light on the unit is switched off.
- Certain fonts can be difficult for the OCR engine to interpret.
- It is important that the text contrast is sufficient.
- It is important that the OCR engine's language is the same as that of the text.
- The camera's resolution should be set to at least 1280x720, see Video settings for more information.
6 Update software

When a new version of the software is released, an update can be made. Follow the instructions below when the application finds a new version.

Click "Next" in the dialogue box "Welcome". If there is an update, the following dialogue box is shown.

Click "Next" in the dialogue box "Update available" to start downloading the update.
Ensure that you close MagniLink PCViewer before clicking "Next" in the dialogue box "Important information".

Click "Next" in the dialogue box "Welcome to the Patch for MagniLink PCViewer".
Click "**Finish**" in the dialogue box "**Installshield Wizard Completed**".
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