



Summarize



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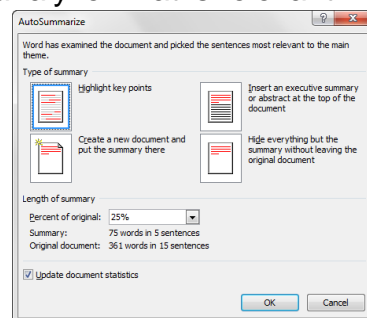
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Summarize, sometimes referred to as Auto Summary or Auto Summarize, is a tool that analyzes a document and summarizes it with just the key points. Often the user can choose how much they would like it condensed, or summarized, such as 10% of the original or top key 5 sentences, etc. Some programs will highlight the summary points in an article allowing you to see the entire article, and just read the highlighted points. It works best with factual information versus works of fiction that may contain many nuances of language, innuendo, and other seemingly unrelated pieces of information.

For students with difficulty in understanding the "big picture" or deciphering what is relevant in an article, it may help focus them on what is important, and lessen the burden of having to read long passages, which for poor readers can become a cognitive load balance issue of focusing solely on reading the text, without fully comprehending it. Summarizing the text allows them to focus on key points and analyze what is relevant when answering questions about the passage.

Example of the AutoSummarize tool in Microsoft Word:

In this example the type of AutoSummarize selected was Highlight key points.



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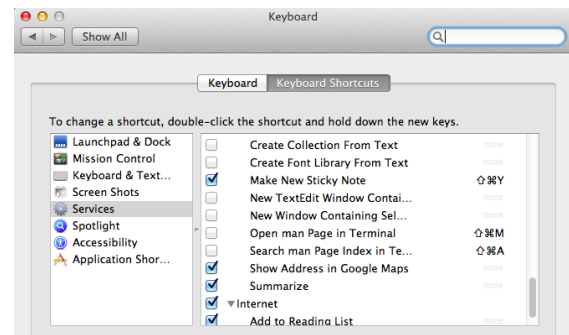
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Examples of Programs with Summary tools:

Microsoft Word - has been called Auto Summary, and AutoSummarize in different versions of Word. See Microsoft's website for adding it to the Quick Access Toolbar. Was found under the Tools menu in older versions.

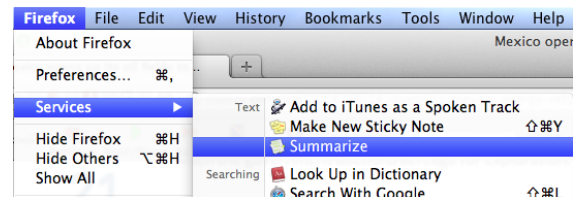
Mac OSX

The Macintosh operating system has a summary tool built in. You need to activate it first. To do so go to System Preferences, Keyboard, Keyboard Shortcuts, Services - enable Summarize.

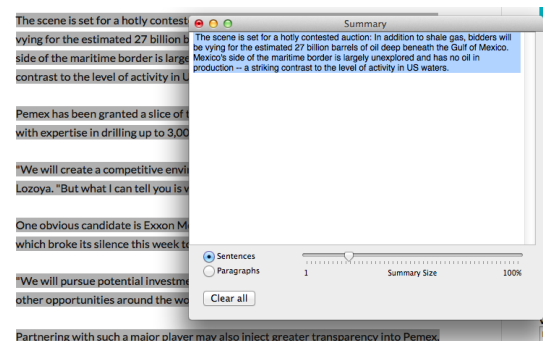


Once enabled you simply select text from anywhere, copy it to the Clipboard, then choose from the menu at the top the applications name, Services, Summarize.

In this example I was summarizing an article copied from a browser window in the Firefox web browser. If I were in Microsoft Word I would chose the menu item labeled Word, Services, Summarize.



Choosing Summarize now opens the window shown here. A slider allows you to change how much the article is summarized.



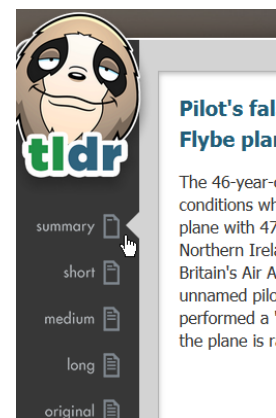
TLDR (too long didn't read) - this is a free app or add-on for all platforms

iPad - it is called TLDR Reader on the iTunes store

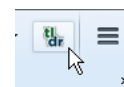
Android - on the Google Play Store it is called TLDR Reader

Chromebook - on the Chrome Store it is called TLDR and is a free extension for the Chrome browser (Mac, PC, Chromebook)

Firefox Web Browser add-on called - TLDR: Too Long Didn't Read



When added as a browser extension it will show up on your browser toolbar to activate as shown here in the toolbar.



Firefox browser

Online Summary Tools

Wiki Summarizer - summarize text from Wiki articles -

<http://www.wikisummarizer.com/Pages/Default.aspx>

Free Summarizer - copy/paste text into this online summary tool -

<http://freesummarizer.com/>

GreatSummary - Add-on for Firefox web browser to summarize web articles

<http://www.tools4noobs.com/summarize/>