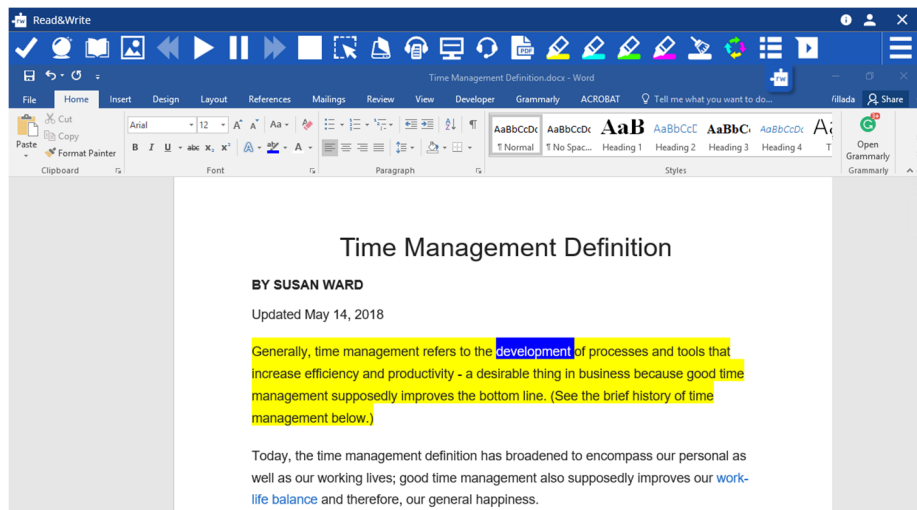


# Assistive Technologies

The following are the most commonly used Assistive Technologies (ATs). Most of the ATs are used outside of the classroom, but some students may be using ATs during class either on their personal computer or on Humber's computer labs. Here is a brief description of what they are.

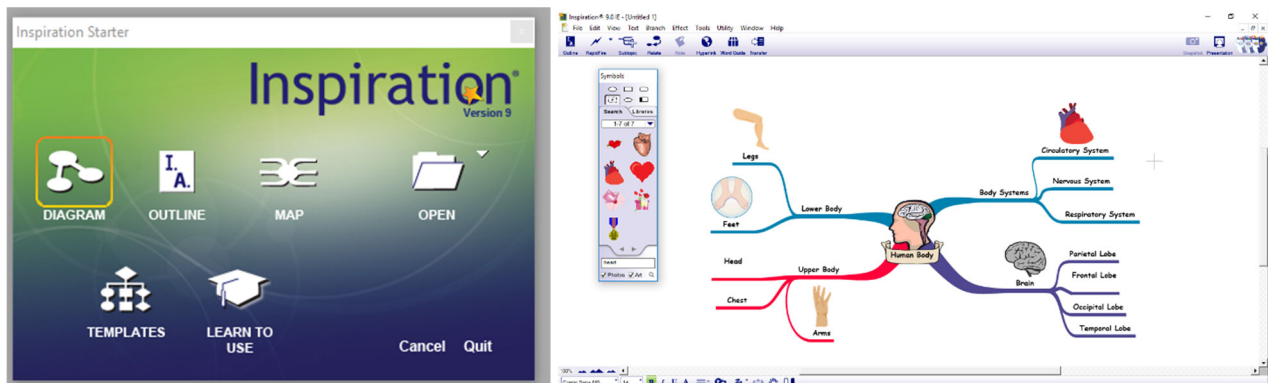
## TEXTHELP READ & WRITE GOLD SOFTWARE (R&W)

This software helps with concentration and reading comprehension, as well as aid in writing and studying. R&W's play button and screenshot reader converts electronic text into spoken voice.



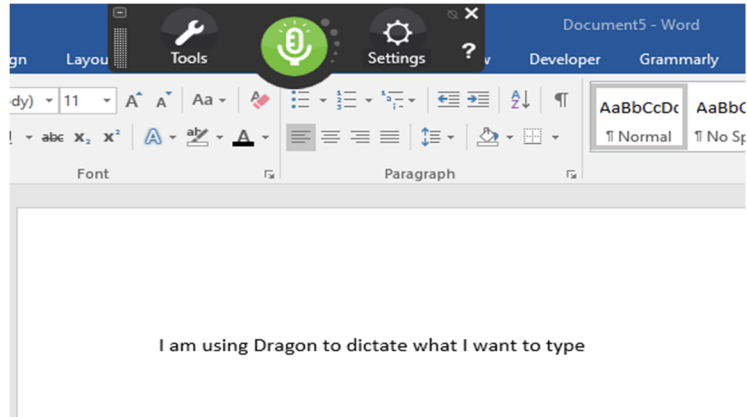
## INSPIRATION 9 SOFTWARE

This mind mapping software allows students to brainstorm ideas through concept maps, structure their thoughts, and visually communicate concepts to strengthen understanding. It is used for visual mapping, outlining, writing and making presentations.



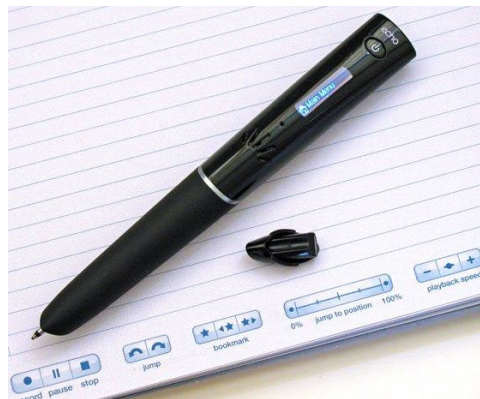
## DRAGON NATURALLY SPEAKING SOFTWARE

Dragon is voice recognition software. The individual dictates words into a microphone and the program transcribes the words into the active window.



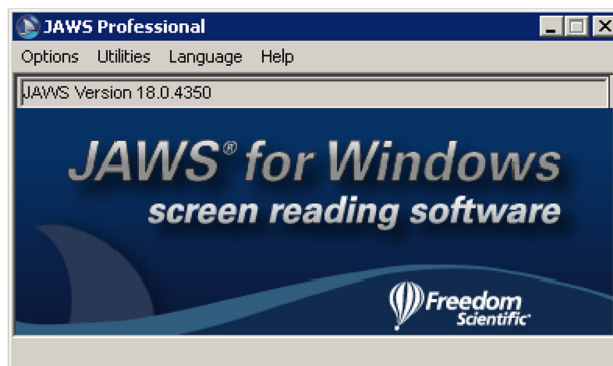
## LIVESCRIBE PEN

The Livescribe pen is a smart pen with an embedded digital recorder. Students use specialized notebooks that allow the pen to synchronize notes with recorded audio, allowing them to replay specific portions of a lecture.



## JAWS

JAWS is a screen reading software for blind and low vision users that aids in navigating a computer and translates on-screen information into speech feedback.



## ZOOMTEXT MAGNIFIER / READER

ZoomText Magnifier/Reader is a fully integrated magnifying software designed for visually impaired users to enlarge, and in some cases, read back what is on computer screen.



## FM SYSTEM

An FM system is a wireless hearing device comprised of a microphone and a receiver that assists individuals who are hard of hearing. The professor wears the microphone and the student keeps the receiver portion. The receiver will transmit the professor's voice directly to the student's hearing aids or a pair of headphones.

