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Text to speech in PDF – Edge

The instructions have been updated for autumn 2024.

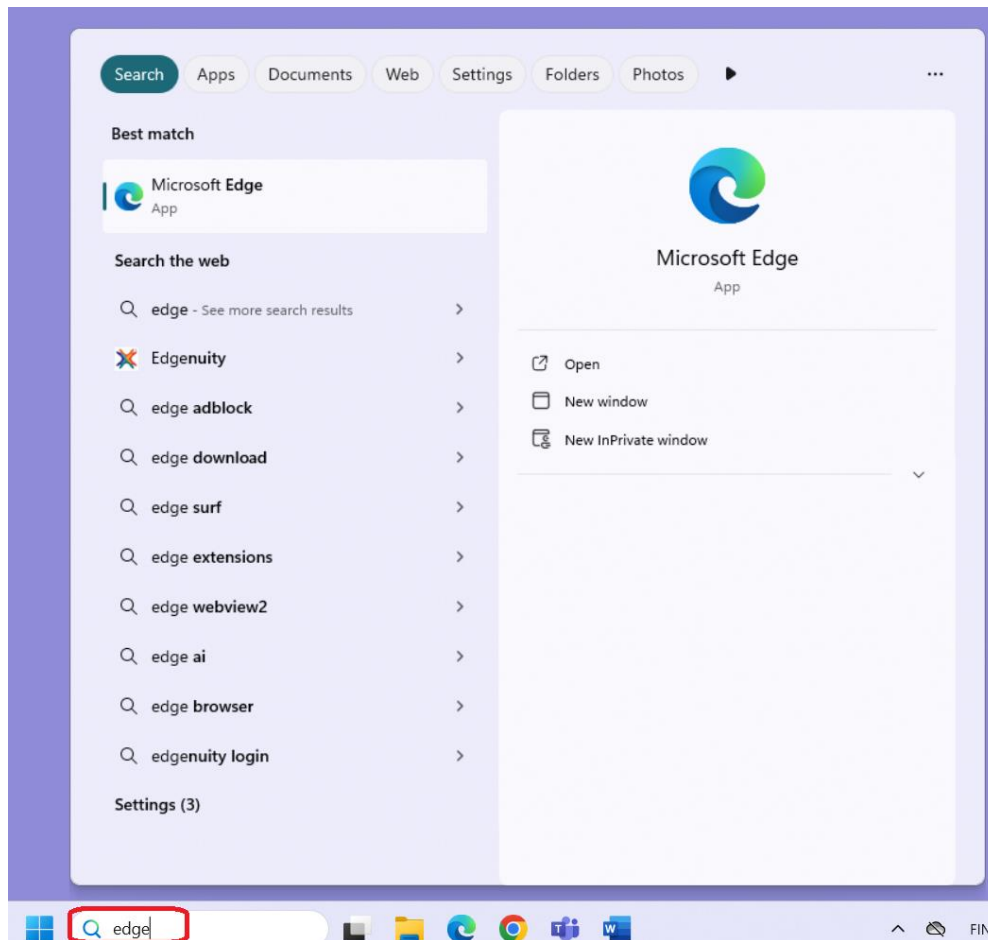
Listen to texts read out by a speech synthesizer on your computer. With speech synthesis, texts on the screen are converted into speech. In addition to listening to texts on web pages, you can listen to texts in PDF documents.

You can use Edge to read PDF documents. Edge is a pre-installed browser in Windows 10 and 11.



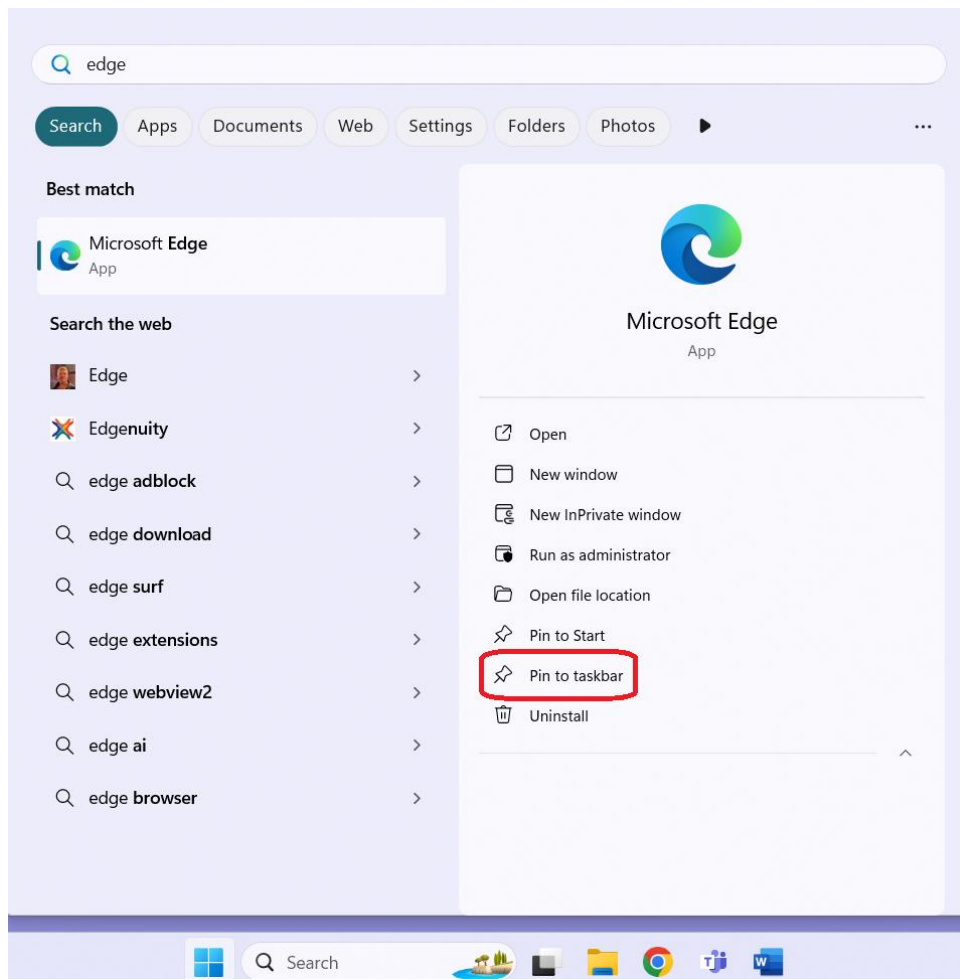
How to find Edge on your computer

- Go to the Windows Start menu located at the bottom of your screen.
- From there, you can either search for Microsoft Edge in the search bar or access it from the list of applications available.

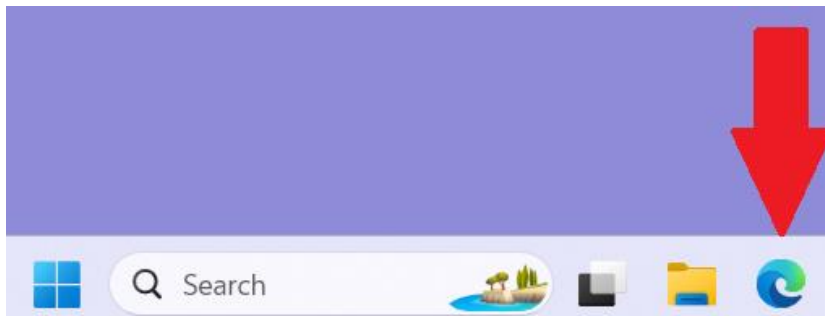


To easily access Edge in the future, you can save it to the taskbar at the bottom of your screen by following these steps:

- Find **Edge** > **Right-click** > Select **Pin to taskbar**.



- You can now find Edge on the taskbar next to the Windows start button.

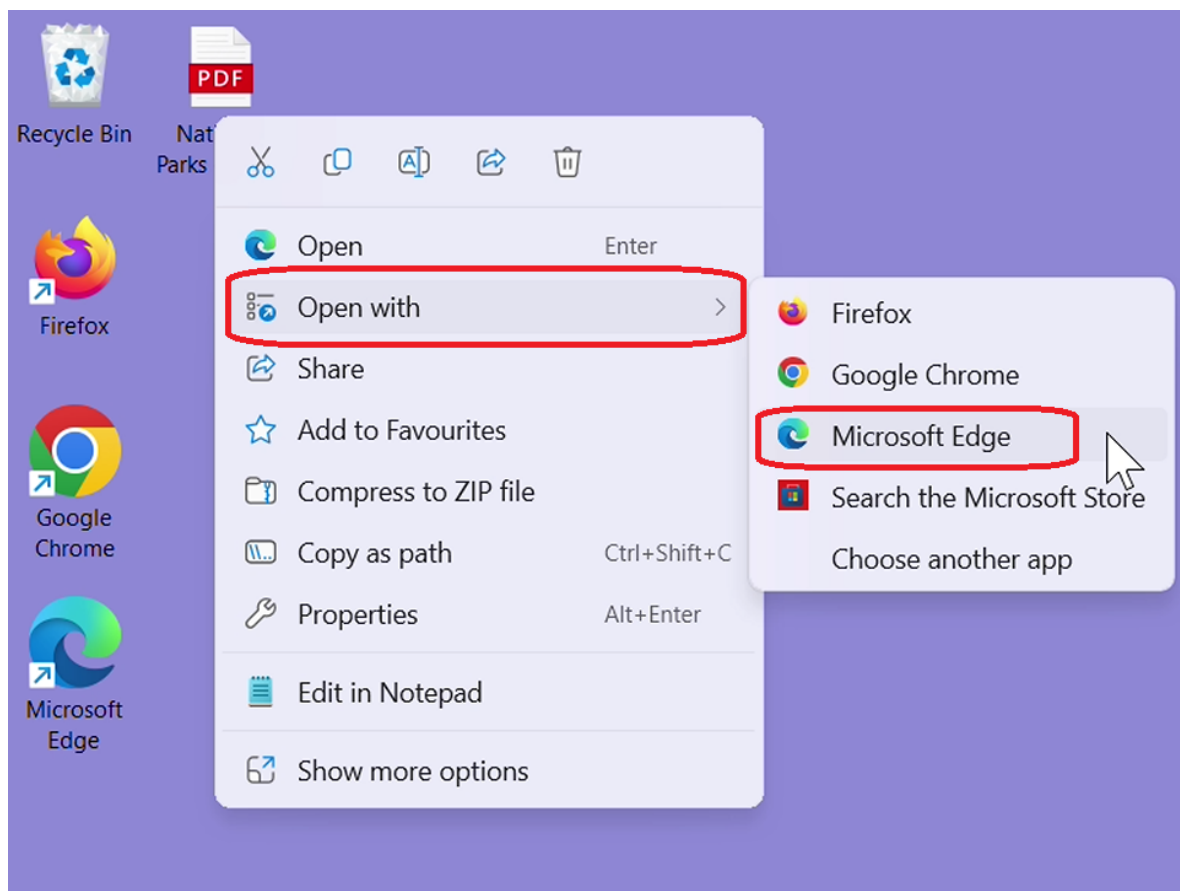


How to open a PDF document in Edge

Your computer may automatically open PDF documents in Edge, depending on its settings.

If your computer does not open PDF documents automatically in Edge, you can manually open them by following these steps:

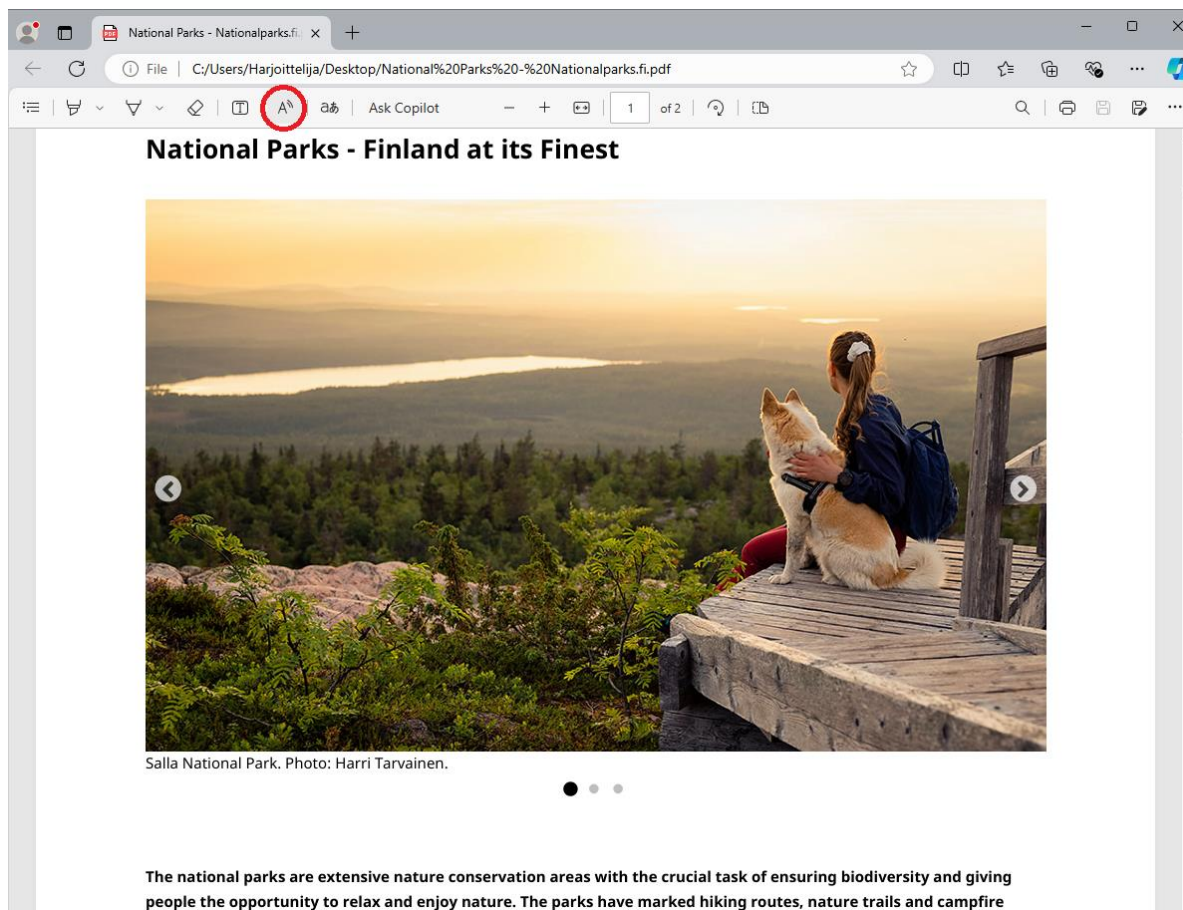
- **Right-click** on the PDF document.
- Choose **Open with** and then select **Microsoft Edge**.



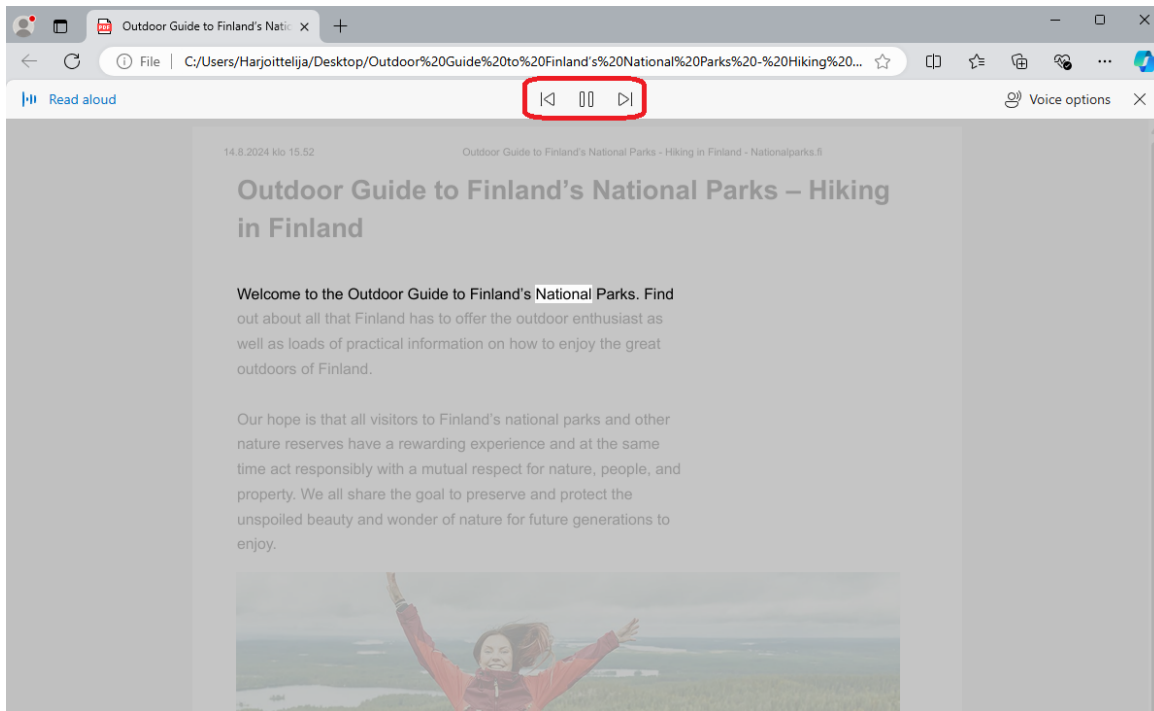
How to use the speech synthesis

To begin using speech synthesis to listen to text in a PDF document, follow these steps:

- Click the **Read Aloud** button located in the toolbar below the URL bar to start listening to the entire text in the PDF document automatically. The Read Aloud button looks like the letter **A with soundwaves**.
- If you wish to listen to a specific part of the text, first **highlight the text**, then press the **Read Aloud** button to have it read out loud to you.



- To pause the reading, click the pause button in the toolbar below the URL bar.
- You can also rewind or fast forward the reading by clicking the rewind or fast forward buttons.

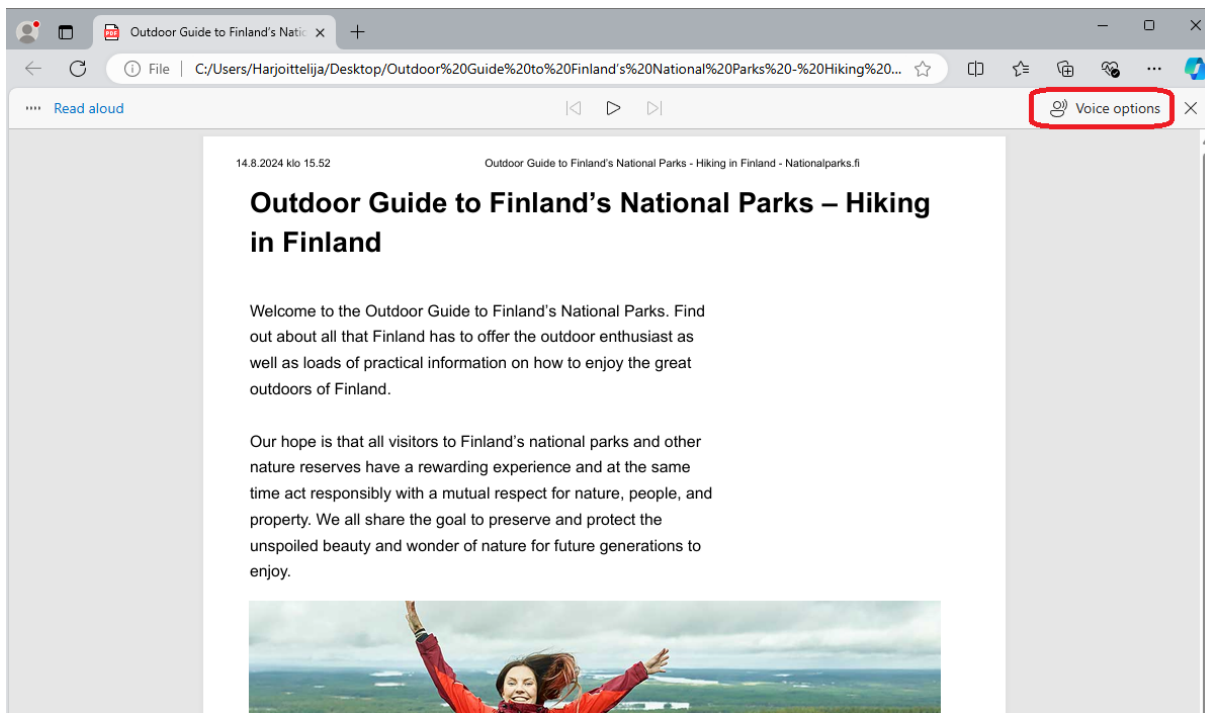


Choose the language and reading speed of the Read Aloud feature

To customize the reading experience in Microsoft Edge, follow these steps:

- Click the **Voice Options icon**, which looks like a person symbol with sound waves.
- Experiment with the reading speed settings to find the pace that is the most comfortable for you.
- If the text is in a language that the speech software does not recognize automatically, you can manually select the correct language in the Voice Options menu.
- If the desired language voice is not available, you may need to install the corresponding language pack on your computer. Instructions for downloading language packs can be found on the Microsoft support website.

[Download languages and voices for Immersive Reader, Read Mode, and Read Aloud - Microsoft Support](#)



Using Edge on other devices

You can also download the Edge browser for the following devices:

- Mac computer
- iPad and iPhone
- Linux computer
- Android phone and tablet

Read here how to download the Edge browser on other devices:

[Download Microsoft Edge](#)

Links used in the instructions

Download languages and voices for Immersive Reader, Read mode and Read Aloud:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/topic/download-languages-and-voices-for-immersive-reader-read-mode-and-read-aloud-4c83a8d8-7486-42f7-8e46-2b0fdf753130>



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<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/edge/download?form=MA13FJ>

