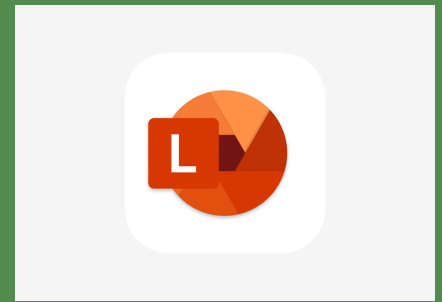


Reading: Microsoft Lens



What is it?

Microsoft Lens is a mobile app that turns your smartphone into a portable scanner. It digitizes content like documents, whiteboards, and images with features such as photo-to-text conversion and enhanced clarity. Seamlessly integrating with Microsoft Office, Lens makes it easy to share, edit, and collaborate on scanned content.

Why use it?

From an inclusive education perspective, Microsoft Lens offers valuable support for students with diverse learning needs. This versatile mobile scanning app enables students to access and engage with printed materials in various formats, including documents, handwritten notes, and whiteboard content. By using Lens to scan and convert text into accessible digital formats, students with visual impairments or reading difficulties can utilize text-to-speech features to listen to the content, enhancing comprehension and accessibility. Additionally, Lens can facilitate collaborative learning by allowing students to capture and share notes, diagrams, and other instructional materials with peers and educators. This fosters a more inclusive learning environment where all students can actively participate and succeed, regardless of their individual learning styles or abilities.

How to use it?

Once installed, open Microsoft Lens and grant any necessary permissions. To capture a document, point your device's camera at the document you want to scan and ensure it's well-lit and in focus. Lens will automatically detect the document and capture it. You can then adjust the cropping if needed and choose the appropriate scanning mode (such as document, whiteboard, or photo). After scanning, you can enhance the image quality, crop further, and apply filters if desired. Finally, save the scanned document to your device or cloud storage, or share it directly with others.

