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Braille2000 software is unlike most other software tools. A one-file download (Windows executable) is available to anyone at www.braille2000.com and will install the Braille2000 application on any PC (meaning a computer system using an "Intel or equivalent" microprocessor) running Windows (or a Windows emulating environment) from Windows XP up through Windows 11, either 32-bit or 64-bit versions. The one installation executable supports all "editions" of Braille2000 (listed below). By itself the features of Braille2000 may be evaluated but are unsuited to production work. A Right To Use License* is required to empower the software for production output.

All license holders receive our free technical support without charge. Technical support is provided for the "Windows PC" environment only. It is possible to install and use Braille2000 on other platforms (e.g., in a virtual machine on a Mac or Linux system, or by using WINE on a Linux system) but our technical support does not provide advice or solutions for issues related to the alternate hosting environment.

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"The Basic Edition": tools for producing braille materials in an automated way in which source material is entered from the keyboard using so-called "six key" entry (as would be done using a braille-writer mechanical device). Automation assist includes page layout management (e.g., positioning page numbers and such) and paragraph formatting styles.

"The Direct Entry Edition": tools for producing braille materials in an automated way as per The Basic Edition, with the addition of proofreading assists including spelling checking and viewing the document as print.

"The Document Processing Edition": tools for producing braille materials in an automated way as per The Direct Entry Edition, with the addition of automated print-to-braille conversion that accepts print data from the Clipboard as well as directly from certain standard print file types including RTF, DOCX, and NIMAS (XML).

"The Talking Edition": tools for producing braille materials in an automated way as per The Document Processing Edition, with integrated speech output as an aid to the visually impaired user.

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Lost **permanent** keys can be replaced only when the following conditions are met:

1. The Key is in fact unrecoverable, because either its location is unknown or its location is totally inaccessible.

2. A Key Replacement service fee per Key device is paid, in advance, according to the following fee schedule:

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The Basic Edition wo/Interpreter	\$100.00
The Basic Edition w/Interpreter	\$110.00
The Direct Entry Edition wo/Childrens Braille option	\$150.00
The Direct Entry Edition w/Childrens Braille option	\$200.00
The Document Processing Edition wo/Math Toolbar	\$250.00
The Document Processing Edition w/Math Toolbar	\$300.00
The Talking Edition	\$250.00
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