This booklet provides a series of stories about the way Morphic® can impact the lives of different people (and organizations). While the stories in this book are fictionalized, they are all based on real problems reported to us by real people, and they present the capabilities of Morphic as released in 2020.

For more information visit morphic.org and watch the 3-minute video there.

Morphic
is an open-source extension to the operating system and cloud service that

• makes the computer easier to use
• makes it easier to find and use special features
• makes assistive technologies and settings show up on any computer a person needs to use
• is for people who need assistive technologies
• is for people who have trouble understanding and using computers
• is for people who lose time wrestling with computers
Meet Teresa
She needs computers that are simpler to use.

“I can use my phone, but in college I have to use desktops — and they are not like my phone at all. I really don’t understand these computers!”

- Teresa has used mobile devices and a web-laptop all her life. Now in community college, she has to use Windows and she is often lost. For example, one word processor has 11 ribbons and over 200 icons. And locating programs and files is baffling. She is losing time and falling behind in her classes.

- Morphic made using the computers at the college much easier. One Morphic button creates a single ribbon in Word with all the functions the instructors want her to use. Other features help locate files and put the programs she needs at her fingertips. She is now keeping up as she learns Windows.
Meet Mira

She loves to use the computer to communicate with family and friends.

“I overheard the kids say, ‘Aw, the computer is messed up for Gramma again.’ I’ve had my time; this is theirs – so I quit using the computer.”

- Mira used the family computer for mail, Skyping and photo sharing with grandchildren, and a Facebook group with her friends. However, everything had to be set up for her each time, and she didn’t know how to re-set it. When she learned that her set-up was interfering with use of the computer by the youngsters, she just stopped.

- Now that Morphic is on the computer, Mira’s settings are saved to the cloud. She inserts her Morphic USB key into the computer and it is instantly set up for her. Removing the key re-sets the computer. It even works at her kids’ houses, her friends, the library and the senior center. Now she enjoys using the computer every day.
Meet Jim

He has trouble focusing, so he needs to turn off distractions when using a computer.

“Everything on the computer distracted me – email, social media, calls, texts. I was constantly pulled away by one thing or another. Morphic changed that.”

• Jim tried turning things off when he needed to focus, but it was too complicated and time consuming. He didn’t know where all the settings were and always missed something. Then he had to turn them back on again later – so it was back and forth each time he wanted to focus.

• Now he uses Morphic’s focus button to turn off all distractions with one click – and back on again just as easily. The button can be customized and works across different programs simultaneously on any computer with Morphic installed.
Meet Phil

He needs assistive technology set up from day one to succeed in his internship.

“"It takes a long time to set up a computer with the assistive technology I need, and that can ruin my internship. With Morphic it all happens quickly.”

• Internships are critical both for learning and for securing a job offer. However, on Phil’s last internship, it took 3 weeks before IT could get the computer assigned to him set up with his assistive technology. By then, he was behind the others and didn’t look like such a good prospective employee.

• This year – with Morphic and its Installation on Demand and special security-cleared AT package, the computer at Phil’s internship was set up before he got back from his first orientation lecture. The internship is going well, and Phil has shown he can hit the ground running in a new job.
Meet Josh

The computers available for use at the college were not set up to meet his needs.

“I knew I was smart enough to finish college, but the technology was getting in my way until Morphic arrived.”

- Josh can’t afford his own computer, so he uses laptops loaned out in the library. He would benefit from special settings and software that address his learning disabilities. But he can’t set up each laptop at school to meet his needs, nor restore it to standard when he is finished.

- This year Morphic was added to the computers at Josh’s college. “Whenever I use a college computer (desktop or laptops), Morphic instantly installs all my assistive software and settings so it is ready for me to use. When I am done with it, it is reset to standard. All the computers now act like they are my computer.”
Meet Susan
She needs different computer set ups at different times of the day.

“Because of my disability, the way I use my computer needs to shift throughout the day. Morphic lets me instantly change any and all settings as my abilities shift.”

• Susan is an editor who works from home. Because of her disability, her skills and abilities change over the course of a day. She starts off strong every morning, but by mid-afternoon her eyes can’t read normal sized print very well and her hands are tired. Constantly changing all the settings in different programs required a lot of work and lost time.

• With Morphic, she created multiple, different setups to fit her different needs. She can now switch between completely different setups and programs with two clicks. She uses one when she’s fresh, and another when she’s tired. She can also change them for different types of tasks. She is now more productive and less tired at the end of the day.
Meet Sarah

She wants to use any computer in the library – not just the few set up with assistive technology.

“For the first time I can use any computer in the library, participate in all library programs, use the stacks, and sit with my friends – just like anyone else.”

- Many people with disabilities like Sarah can only use the computers in a special area of the library. And even those computers often don’t have the right assistive software, or it is not set up properly. Then Sarah has to find staff who can help her adjust settings or software before she can use it.

- Now, with Morphic installed on all the library’s computers, Sarah can use any computer in the library. Morphic will set it up by installing any assistive software she needs, along with all her settings. And because her friends use many of Morphic’s other features, she doesn’t feel different using it.
Meet Cynthia

She needs to be able to do her best on standardized placement tests.

“I want to get into a good college but was upset to learn that I can’t use my computer and AT for placement tests. Then they told me about Morphic.”

- Cynthia’s screen reader and computer are optimized so she can work efficiently. Placement tests are hard and will determine whether she gets accepted at the college she wants. The last thing she needs is to struggle or be distracted by using a different computer and screen reader setup!
- Thankfully, the testing agency uses Morphic. Cynthia can now install Morphic on her personal computer and have it capture the software and settings she uses. Then the testing agency uses Morphic to install a clean version of her exact screen reader and settings. The test computer now works exactly like hers.
Meet Sid

He wants to use a computer – but doesn’t want to be viewed as needing anything “special.”

“I like the idea of learning how to use a computer, but I have old eyes and they make the text on screen too small for me. I don’t have a disability – I’m just older. Morphic understands me.”

• Sid joined the Computers for Seniors program at his local library but dropped out because the text was too hard to see. They had some special software, but he didn’t want to use it. He isn’t “special” – he’s just old! “Why can’t they make a computer that works for older people?”

• With Morphic, Sid has discovered buttons on the strip at the bottom of the screen that can make everything larger or louder – along with other helpful buttons for everyone like the “Coupon Clipper.” He feels like a computer pro now. (And he put Morphic on his home computer, too!)
Meet Janet
She’s a clinician who needs computers to work seamlessly for her clients.

“I can’t tell you how much time Morphic has saved me – both in setting up to evaluate different clients, and for transferring the software and setups I create to their home computers.”

- Janet is an evaluation specialist who works at a vocational rehabilitation office. She wants each new person to do their best in their evaluation – but until they show up, she has no idea what they need and how to set up her eval computer for them. And if they already have adaptations it can be hard to transfer them to the test computer.

- With Morphic, she can have dozens of different setups saved that she can instantly call up and try with a client. If the client already has adaptations on their computer, she can use Morphic to capture them and instantly set up the evaluation computer to be exactly the same. And if she recommends new features, software, or settings for them, they can use Morphic to instantly apply them to their computer at home, work, or anywhere.
Meet Mariana
She’s tech-savvy and uses Morphic to be more efficient.

“Morphic makes it easy to customize my computer for greater efficiency at work, with instant changes to fit different tasks.”

• Mariana uses the QuickStrip to put the functions, settings, apps, and sites that she uses daily at her fingertips. She can easily create custom buttons. And the “essentials” ribbon for Word brings all the controls she needs for her work onto one ribbon. She even creates different preference sets for different tasks, applying them instantly when needed.

• Others at her office noticed how helpful Morphic was in Mariana’s work, so they also started using it as well. Now the whole organization embraces Morphic and they’ve found that it helps everyone – the power users, newer users, and the many who are great at their job but less adept at computers.