

Switch access to Windows: What does Vista promise

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SAW (Switch Access to Windows) was first envisaged before the launch of Windows 3. The new operating system from Microsoft now dubbed Vista, with its User Interface Automation, promises to make possible intelligent agents that will allow switch users to have their own interfaces created 'on the fly' by SAW.

In this presentation we will go through the rationale behind the development of SAW as a research tool from its first implementation through to the latest version SAW 5 and on into the future of automatic and intelligent interfaces for switch users.