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Keith Vincent

Updated Macros for Windows 8+

As the Windows operating system has evolved, **a few Eclipse macros have had** to change as well. Specifically, two sets of macros for editing from the steno keyboard during realtime transcription. These macros included the key command Shift+End, which would simply drop out in Windows 8+.

There are several macros that I put together about seven years ago when Auto-Brief was first introduced in Total Eclipse 4.2. Their purpose is to ask for a steno shortcut immediately after you have written a specific number of words. For example, I can press 3-BZ immediately after writing a three-word phrase for which I want Auto-Brief to prepare a steno shortcut; and that steno stroke would trigger the macro called **“Auto-Brief 3 words - RT”**. There are macros designed for the last 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 words that I’ve written. In Windows 8, those macros were not working as intended, so I’ve made the necessary corrections.

“Find and Change - RT” is another popular macro for editing from the steno keyboard, and it had problems with Windows 8. Let’s say I see that I wrote “tool” (steno TAOL) instead of “technological” (TOL). I could write “tool” then “technological” then KHA*EUPBG, and that would run this macro. It would find “tool” and change it to “technological”. The sequence is: bad word, good word, then “change” with an asterisk in the steno stroke. (Of course, you can pick different steno for the macro, but KHA*EUPBG works for me.)

The new macros will be part of the default keyboard setup for Eclipse users. However, **you can download a portable macro file from the e-Tips page of KVincent.com**. Save that file on your Windows desktop, and make sure its name ends in .MAC. Windows won’t know that it’s a macro file, but Eclipse will be able to use it. In the “Edit” section of User Settings, select “Macros” and then “Import.” Then browse to your desktop and select the .MAC file. When asked to overwrite the old macros, answer Yes. That should do the trick!

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Republic Wireless and the Moto X



“This is a game-changer” (CNET). “Best smartphone deal of 2014” (Clark Howard). “How plain old WIFI will revolutionize the cell phone industry” (Washington Post). What they’re all talking about is Republic Wireless and the Moto X. If you are fed up with high monthly fees and long-term contracts, read on.

I switched from Verizon wireless to Republic Wireless last fall. It has been one of the best decisions that I have ever made. I have not missed Verizon even once. **There is no contract, and the pricing cannot be beat. You get unlimited calling, texting, and 3G data for as little as \$25 per month. You can also get unlimited calling, texting, and 4G data for only \$40 per month.** Of course, you can “port” or transfer your current cell phone number to Republic Wireless so you do not have to change phone numbers.

The iPhone 6 has just been released, and I know many people are excited to be getting one. However, it is fairly costly with the new cell phone contract you are required to sign. Well, things are about to change if you can be a little bit open-minded about it. Just like notebook computers have come down in price from \$2,000 to the point where you can get a decent one for \$400, cell phone prices have been going down too if you are willing to experiment with other carriers and Android versus IOS.

I love my Moto X phone and cannot say enough good things about it. One of my favorite features is that to place a call all you need to do is say “Okay Google Now, call [insert name].” This is so convenient, especially while driving. Also, when you are driving, if a text is received, the phone will read it to you and let you reply by voice dictation. This feature is absolutely fantastic!

The Moto X has the latest Android version 4.4. It is **currently priced at Republic Wireless for \$299.** The mid-range phone is the Moto G which goes for \$149. And in October Republic Wireless will have the new Moto E for just \$99. The main difference in phones is that the Moto G and new

Moto E support only 3G and come with less memory. A big plus with the Moto E is that it supports expansion with an inexpensive SD chip for added storage space. So be sure to get the Moto X if 4G data is important to you.



Regarding the wireless service, Republic Wireless is a Sprint mobile virtual network operator (MVNO.) This basically means that it is the same wireless service you would get through Sprint. Sprint coverage in the Southern California area where I live is quite good. Plus, don’t forget that you do not need to sign up with a multi-year contract to get the same service as other Sprints users do. Republic Wireless also has a 30-day money-back guarantee. So don’t port your phone number until you have tried to make some calls and verify that the service will work well in the area you are in.

To keep the prices so low, Republic Wireless uses special software to route phone calls through your WIFI service. When the phone is connected to a strong WIFI signal, it places the phone call, text, or data request through the WIFI signal. This can result in dramatically improved coverage in many instances. I am oftentimes in locations that have WIFI but where I do not always have a strong cell signal. The phone calls on my Moto X through the in-house WIFI have been fantastic. If you get poor

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ReporterWebinars.com - Fall 2014

Save the dates! **Michael Starkman, Wil Wilcox, and Keith Vincent will be offering a three-part webinar suite on three Wednesdays in October and November 2014.**

On **October 22nd, Michael Starkman** leads the way and focuses on cloud storage and useful apps that he's discovered to make you more productive on your various devices, not just your PC.

On **November 5th, Wil Wilcox** takes reporters from before proceedings start to when they get back to home or office and how to tie all your technology together to enhance productivity and save time and money.

On **November 19th, Keith Vincent** takes a comprehensive look at Bridge Mobile (now available

in the Apple Apps Store.) He'll show how to use it with any CAT software (not just Eclipse), and he'll take special care to point out how your clients can save and access the notes and marks that they made during realtime proceedings.

As always, you can participate in the live presentations, which allow you to be part of the question-and-answer process. However, you can also watch the recorded presentations if that's a better fit for your schedule. You can take advantage of both ("live" and recorded).

Join us for 2 hours on each of these Wednesdays and earn up to .6 NCRA CEU.

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cell phone service at your home or office but do have WIFI, it is amazing how you will get crystal clear calls through the WIFI.

If you have a poor WIFI connection for some reason and want to force the phone to place a call through the cellular service, you will see "handover" on the phone dialer screen as you are making the call. Simply press that and it switches from WIFI to cellular or vice versa. This can even be done while you are in the middle of the call with someone. It even happens automatically if you are on a call that is using your WIFI and you leave your home. Once your phone detects you are going out of WIFI range, it hands the call over to the Sprint network without dropping the call.

In addition, Republic Wireless has roaming agreements with other carriers including Verizon. So if you are in a location not serviced by Sprint, you will still be able to make your phone call or access that Web app. This means for those times that I really need Verizon coverage because Sprint is not available, it is actually able to me since my phone will roam onto Verizon Wireless.

A couple of caveats. First of all, the Moto X has a new version coming out soon which people are calling the "New" Moto X. I do not know how soon

Republic Wireless will be offering those. They have to optimize their system and software for the new phones and sometimes take just a little longer than other carriers do to get the latest version of new cell phones running. My opinion is that the current Moto X is so good that there is no reason to delay your plans to upgrade by waiting for the new one.

Many people are gushing about the new smartwatch by Motorola called the Moto 360. The Moto 360 is \$249. In my opinion it is the nicest looking of all of the new smartwatches coming out. But wait, there's more. People who have seen it are also raving about the Moto Hint. It is a teeny-tiny Bluetooth headset. The Hint not only allows you to place phone calls. It also lets you dictate text messages or emails that will be sent through your phone and can read incoming messages to you, et cetera. The Hint is coming out later this fall and will cost around \$140. Motorola even offers a Turbo Charger that will fully charge your phone in just 15 minutes.

This may be a good point to mention that Lenovo, the maker of the highly acclaimed ThinkPad brand of notebooks, has bought out the Motorola and have pretty big plans for investing in

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Keith's Seminars – Fall 2014

On September 27, 2014 in Austin and then again on October 4, 2014 in Houston, Keith Vincent will present a **10-hour seminar on Total Eclipse**. This seminar is pre-approved by the Texas certification board and is also eligible for NCRA CEUs.

The **Morning/Afternoon session** (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) covers **what's new in the latest version of Total Eclipse**. This is a hands-on seminar and participants should bring their notebook computers to try out features explained in practical terms.

The **Evening session is devoted to automatic indexing**. If you're indexing your depositions or court transcripts the old-fashioned way, you're definitely working too hard.

After these, Keith's next Texas seminars are planned for 2016 -- two years down the road!

For more information and registration, visit the Workshops page of [KVincent.com](http://www.KVincent.com).

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development of future devices. Look for many more wonderful things coming out from Motorola/Lenovo in the future.

I cannot say enough good things about the Moto X and Republic Wireless. **If you decide to give it a try, you can save \$20 by using this link to sign up. It is: <http://rwshar.es/bhtQ1>** Simply input that address into your web browser. You will be taken to the Republic Wireless sign-up page. Just before you pay, if the \$20 discount is still available, you will see a little note that says a \$20 refer-a-friend credit has been applied to your first month's plan charge. If you elect to customize your Moto X through Motorola MotoMaker, the \$20 discount will not be available. If using MotoMaker, be sure to specify that the carrier you want is Republic Wireless. The Moto X sold for use with Republic Wireless is customized to be able to place calls through the cellular network and/or WIFI.

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