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Keith Vincent
January 16-17, 2026**

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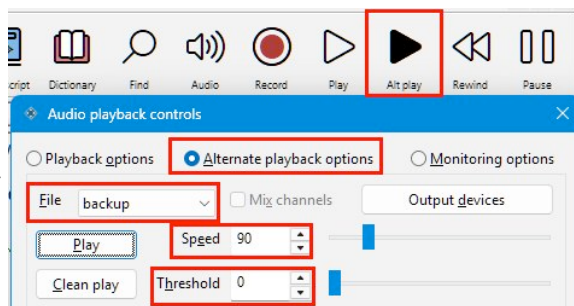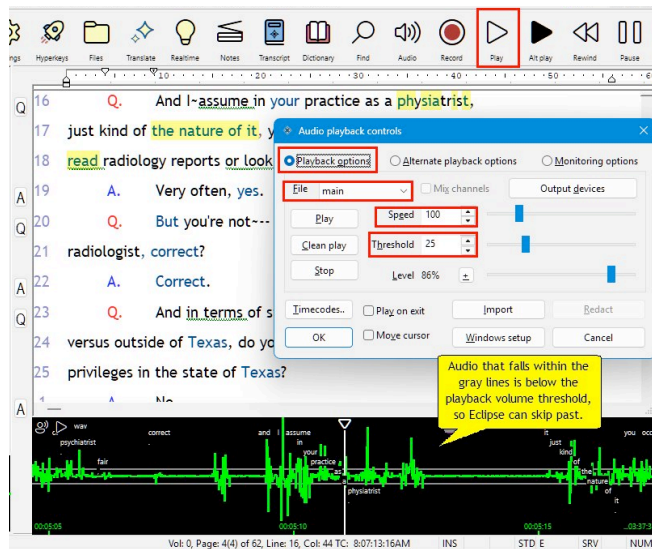1-800-800-1759**

What's New in Eclipse:
Audio Playback Improvements

Keith Vincent

As I prepare **for Eclipse Version 12's passage from "beta" status to full release**, I'd like to focus today on audio playback improvements.

There are now separate commands for "**Play**" (Alt+J) and "**Alt Play**" (for me that's Shift+Alt+J). In this example, I went to the Audio Control Panel (Shift+Ctrl+A) and standard **Playback** is from the main file, at 100% of the recorded speed, but with the volume threshold raised so that I can skip past

Audio that falls within the gray lines is below the playback volume threshold, so Eclipse can skip past.

pauses and silences. It really helps when transcribing videotaped proceedings.

This second image shows that my **Alternate playback** is from the videographer's MP3 file that I'm using as a backup. I can quickly use Shift+Alt+J to listen at 90% of recorded speed, with no skipping of pauses or silences, and then use Alt+J to go back to 100% speed with volume

threshold raised to squelch those irritating pauses and silences.

I love Eclipse Version 12 audio. If you've downloaded the V12 installer, be sure to watch the many videos that are devoted to the audio improvements.

Oldie Goodies:
Eclipse Audio Playback Commands

Keith's tip today focuses on Eclipse Version 12 audio playback features, but here are a few quick tips that have been available since at least Version 6 or 7.

Alt plus Up Arrow is a **rewind** command. For many years it would simply make a 5-second adjustment to the timecode offset. As of Version 9, a true "Rewind" command became available, so I'm hoping you have adjusted your keyboard commands accordingly. This Rewind function does presume that you have started playback and that you will then use Alt plus Up to push back a few seconds.

Alt plus Down Arrow is a **forward** command. For many years it would simply make a 5-second adjustment of the timecode offset. As of Version 9, a true "Fast Forward" command became available, so I'm hoping you have adjusted your keyboard commands accordingly. This Fast Forward function does presume that you have started playback and that you will then use Alt plus Down to push forward a few seconds.

In User Settings, Document, Timecodes, you can adjust the RW/FF seconds to tell Eclipse how much you want to move forward or back. I believe the default is 5 seconds.

Alt plus Left Arrow is a standard speedkey that sets the playback speed **5% slower**.

Alt plus Right Arrow is a standard speedkey that sets the playback speed **5% faster**.

There's also a Hyperkey that you might find useful. **Hyperkey {** (that is, pressing the Shift and left bracket key together) opens a menu of choices for a group of macros that let you make some quick speed changes. Instead of having to press Alt+Right a few times to move from 100% of recorded speed to 125%, you could use this Hyperkey for a quick speed-up.

Note: The original versions of these playback speed macros were for 100%, 125%, 150%, 175%, 200%, 90%, 80%. Frankly, 175% and 200% are not likely to be what you want.

For this e-Tip, Keith updated these macros to work both for Eclipse v12 and earlier versions. At the e-Tips page of KVincent.com, you can download "Playback macros for Hyperkey {.txt", then **change the "txt" to "mac".** Then you can go to Eclipse User Settings, Edit, Macros, and use the "Import" button to update these macros in your own settings. You may need to double-check your Keyboard settings for these macros, but at least you will have the latest versions.

Keith's Eclipse Mega-Webinar – January 16-17, 2026

Every two years I offer a **Mega-Webinar that offers 10 hours of Eclipse instruction, even satisfying the Texas requirement for 3 hours devoted to rules/ethics.**

On Friday evening, **January 16th, I'll offer three hours of instruction devoted to using Eclipse block files, form fields, and automatic indexing.** Since there are so many different formats out there, I'll use the Texas Uniform Format Manual as my real-life example, the format that's illustrated in at least a dozen Eclipse Visualizer movies.

Saturday, January 17th, will be seven hours of Exploring Eclipse. This will be an opportunity to share tips for improving translation quality and editing speed. I'll show some of the new features in Eclipse Version 12, but there will be plenty of material that applies to earlier verions. Should be lots of good info for everyone.

The webinar is pre-approved for Texas, but forms are provided that you can use for continuing education purposes with NCRA, NVRA, or your local boards.

You can register for Friday only (.3 CEU), Saturday only (.7 CEU), or both days (1.0 CEUs).

Class Times/Fees:

Friday, January 16: 7-10 pm Eastern,
6-9 pm, Central, 4-7 pm Pacific
Reporters: $100. Scopists: $75. Students: $50

Saturday, January 17: 3-10 pm Eastern,
2-9 pm Central, 12-7 pm Pacific
Reporters: $200. Scopists: $150. Students: $100

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