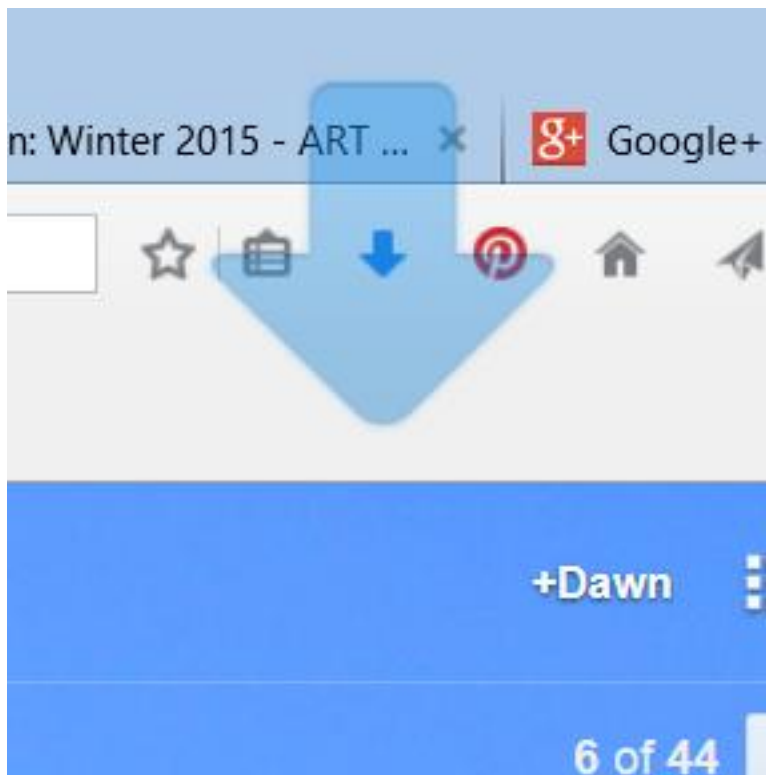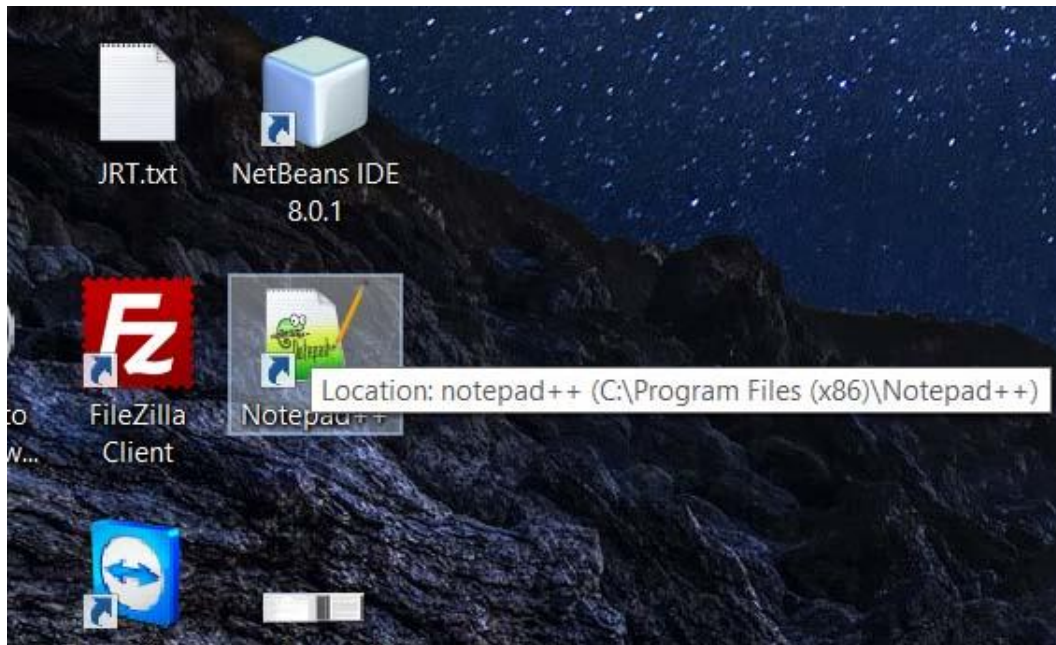# Motion and Sound

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Using the motion and sound for the computer is a new concept. We all hear our phones and other signifiers when we are doing things but how many times do we take it for granted? At the start, I had a hard time coming up with sound and motion because they were there, I just didn't notice. Sometimes it is hard for me to hear certain things since I usually have music going in the background as white noise.
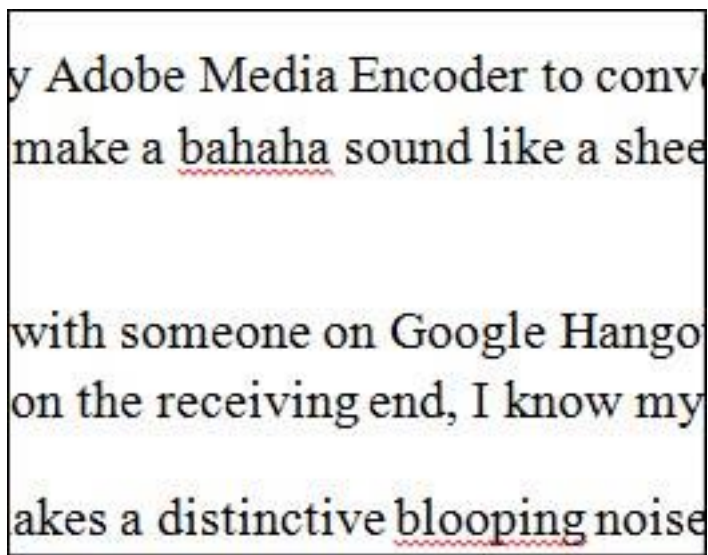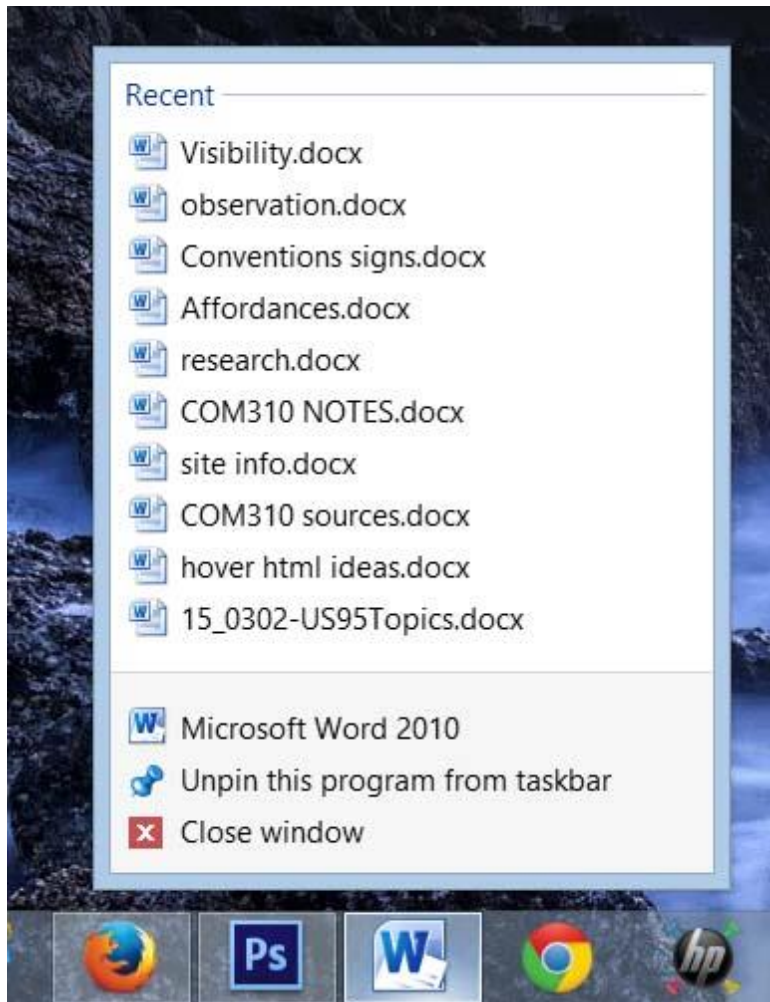
Motion

The blue download arrow in firefox lets me know that it is downloading a file.

When I run my mouse over the desktop, it highlights icons and tells me where the program is located and what it is named.

Word tells me when I have misspelled words or if they are not in its dictionary.

When I click on the taskbar icon, it shows me the most recent documents I have opened in that program (depending on the program, Word does).

While I am working on the computer, my email will change in the tab, alerting me to another email in my box.

Sound

When I am running my Adobe Media Encoder to convert a media from one form to another, if the media fails, it will make a bahaha sound like a sheep. This tells me that something isn't right with the media used.

When I am getting on with someone on Google Hangouts the computer makes a distinctive ringing noise. If I am on the receiving end, I know my friend is there waiting for me to answer.

When my computer makes a distinctive blooping noise, I know that I have a notification from Facebook.

The sound my mouse makes when I click on a button. That assures me that I am clicking. It also tells me that if I am clicking and nothing is happening, then maybe my battery is dead.

When I am trying to type and I have left the page (like just happened to me) the computer sends me a warning that I am not really putting anything down where I thought I was. I must have hit another button incorrectly.

Motion and sound are important in today's world. They are both important for grabbing the user's attention either with sound or movement. It will draw the user to notice what the computer needs them to know, what is most important or what is new. I could be resting my eyes for a minute or doing something else while waiting for an email and the computer will alert me when it comes in.