Using the BrailleNote as a Remote Braille Line or Terminal

The BrailleNote can be used as a braille display for screen readers such as JAWS on a PC.

1. Ensure that the 9 pin serial communications cable, pictured below, has one end plugged into the BrailleNote serial port and the other into the mating socket on the PC terminal. If the terminal has a 25 pin D type connector instead, use the 9 pin to 25 pin adapter. Ensure that the BrailleNote and the PC are turned on.

2. Start JAWS and open the JAWS window pictured below. Under the Options menu select Braille.

3. The window on the next page will appear. In the Default Braille Display box click on the small arrow to the right and select Braille Note. Click OK and close JAWS.
4. On the BrailleNote from the **Main Menu** type the letter T. KeySoft will display

   “Braille terminal”

Leave the BrailleNote in this mode and return to your PC.

5. Start JAWS. The BrailleNote will immediately use the braille display to begin to display what JAWS is saying.

6. To open the **Braille Viewer** (this will give you a visual of the braille display on the BrailleNote) click on the **Start** menu, go to **Programs, JAWS** and within this menu select **Braille Viewer**.
7. Notice that the **JAWS Braille Viewer** window immediately appears at the top of your PC screen and the BrailleNote braille display matches what appears in the **JAWS Braille Viewer** window. This is an option for sighted users and is not necessary for the student to have on.

**Important Note:** “The BrailleNote cannot be used for its normal functions while it is acting as a remote Braille display. To **exit the Remote Braille Display mode**, press **SPACE** with **E** and you are returned to the **Main Menu**.

You should plug in the AC adapter if you intend to use your BrailleNote as a remote display for an extended period.” (BrailleNote Manual page 5-9)