TypeIt ReadIt

Windows

v 1.6

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Cost

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What TypeIt ReadIt is Designed To Do

TypeIt ReadIt can help users who are visually impaired, cannot read, desire to improve their reading comprehension, or just want to listen to their documents read aloud. TypeIt ReadIt can convert text to a spoken sound file by using its text-to-speech technology. These sound files can be inserted into iTunes, CD, an iPod, PowerPoint, iMovie, Audacity or any other software or device that supports sound files. This can allow students, with speech difficulties, to place the sound files in their presentations, so, they can participate with lessons and class activities.

With TypeIt ReadIt, students can listen to their documents on their iPod. Business professionals can convert their emails, documents, and memos so they can listen to their documents on their car radio while they are stuck in rush-hour traffic. Also, TypeIt ReadIt is a useful alternative for young children's typing lessons instead of using a confusing word processor.

What Is New With Version 1.6

Mac Version

• Easer to save upon closing TypeIt ReadIt
• More universal text file when saving upon close
• British English dictionary was added

Windows Version

• Bug saving upon closing was fixed
• British English dictionary was added
• Bug preventing TypeIt ReadIt to display properly on netbooks and low resolution screens was fixed

System Requirements

Windows 2000 SP4, XP, Vista, Windows 7 (W7)
PIII +
128 MB RAM +
50 MB Free Hard Drive Space*
640x480 Screen Resolution
Speakers

*Saving to Sound requires more hard drive space depending on length and amount of sound files created.

Installing TypeIt ReadIt

1. Read the End User Licensing Agreement (EULA). If you find the terms acceptable then proceed to Step

2. Download TypeIt ReadIt for Windows.

3. Once the file is downloaded, unzip TypeItReadIt1_5.zip

4. Run Setup

5. Follow the on-screen directions.

6. TypeIt ReadIt is now ready for use.

User Interface

1. The Text Area

This is the large white square on the screen. There are several ways to put text here. First, you can simply place the cursor in this area and start typing. Second, you can open a text document. Third, you can cut and paste text from another program.

2. Font Size

By clicking on the blue pointer and sliding the mouse left or right you can decrease or increase, respectively, the font size of all the text in the Text Area. The size ranges from 10 point to 200 point. This can also be achieved with Ctrl + to increase size and Ctrl - to decrease size.

3. Speaking Speed

By clicking on the blue pointer and sliding the mouse left or right you can decrease or increase, respectively, the speaking speed. The speed ranges from -5 to 5. This can also be achieved from the Reading menu or with Ctrl] to increase speed and Ctrl [to decrease speed.

4. Speaking Voice

By clicking on the blue box you can choose several different voices for the computer to use when it reads aloud.

5. Bold

By clicking on the checkbox next to the B, the computer will bold or unbold the text in the Text Area. This can also be achieved from the Edit menu or with Ctrl B.

6. Change Color

This button brings up the menu to set the colors back to the default, or to change the color of the window, background and font. Changing the color is only designed to work on the screen. Printed text will still be black. Ctrl L is the shortcut to bring up the menu.

7. New

This button creates a new text file. This can also be achieved from the File menu or with Ctrl N.

8. Open

This button will allow you to choose a text file for the computer to read or work on. Word documents and other files that are not just text must be opened in their respected programs and copied and pasted into the Text Area. Opening text files can also be achieved from the File menu or with Ctrl O.

9. Save

This button will allow you to save of the contents of the Text Area to a file. This can also be achieved from the File menu or with Ctrl S.

10. Save As

This button will allow you to save the contents of a previously saved text file in another location and/or as another name. This can also be achieved from the File menu or with Shift-Ctrl S.

11. Save to Sound

This button will allow you to create an .wav sound file from the contents of the Text Area with the Speaking Voice and Speaking Speed currently selected. Depending on the size of the document and speed of the computer, the computer may take several minutes to create the sound file. Once the file has been created, the user can place the file in iTunes or a similar program. Once in that type of program, the file can be converted to another sound format (.aac, .mp3, etc), burned to a CD, placed in an iPod, or sent to other media devices. Save to Sound can also be achieved from the File menu or with Ctrl W

12. Read From Start

This button will cause the computer to read text from the start of the Text Area with the Speaking Voice and Speaking Speed currently selected. This can also be achieved from the Reading menu or with Ctrl R.

13. Read From Cursor

This button will cause the computer to read the text from the current location of the cursor in the Text Area with the Speaking Voice and Speaking Speed currently selected. This can also be achieved from the Reading menu or with Ctrl E.

14. Pause/Resume Reading

This button will cause the computer to stop reading and resume reading where the computer left off. This can also be achieved from the Reading menu or with Ctrl Y.

15. Undo

This button will undo your most recent changes. This can also be achieved from the Edit menu or with Ctrl Z.

16. Select All

This button will select all of the text in the Text Area. This can also be achieved from the Edit menu or with Ctrl A.

17. Cut

This button will cut the current selected text to the Clipboard. This can also be achieved from the Edit menu or with Ctrl X

18. Copy

This button will copy the current selected text to the Clipboard. This can also be achieved from the Edit menu or with Ctrl C.

19. Paste

This button will paste the current contents of the Clipboard into the Text Area at the current location of the cursor. This can also be achieved from the Edit menu or with Ctrl V.

20. Spell Check

This button will cause the computer to check the spelling in the Text Area. This can also be achieved from the Edit menu or with Ctrl ;

21. Print

This button will cause the computer to print the current contents of the Text Area in the current font size selected. This can also be achieved from the File menu or with Ctrl P.

22. Quit

This button will exit the program. This can also be achieved from the TypeIt ReadIt menu or with Ctrl Q.

Help

To get to the Help menu, click on Help or use Ctrl ?

Changing The Spelling Dictionary

The spelling dictionary can be changed from the Edit Menu.

Keyboard Shortcuts

New.....Ctrl N
Open.....Ctrl O
Save.....Ctrl S
Save As.....Shift-Ctrl S
Print.....Ctrl P
Save to Sound.....Ctrl W

Undo.....Ctrl Z
Bold/UnBold.....Ctrl B
Cut.....Ctrl X
Copy.....Ctrl C
Paste.....Ctrl V
Select All.....Ctrl A
Increase Font.....Ctrl +
Decrease Font.....Ctrl -
Color Menu.....Ctrl L
Spell Check.....Ctrl ;

Read From Start.....Ctrl R
Read From Cursor.....Ctrl E
Pause/Resume Reading.....Ctrl T
Increase Speed.....Ctrl]
Decrease Speed.....Ctrl [

About.....Shift-Ctrl A
Help.....Ctrl ?

Quit.....Alt F4

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