

Supported Reading Software



ReadPlease 2003 reads any text you see on your screen. It is all-purpose text-to-speech software—available in free and plus versions. www.readplease.com **FREE/\$49.95**



NaturalReader 7.0 Available in both Free and Professional versions, Natural Reader reads any selected text and reads & highlights in its own window (Free version) while the Professional Version provides a toolbar for all Office products and converts synthetic speech to MP3 Audio files. <http://www.naturalreaders.com/download.htm> **FREE/\$39.50**



Mozilla Firefox with ClickSpeak is a stripped down, streamlined rebuild of Mozilla offering tabbed browsing, pop-up blocking, and significantly increased security over and above Internet Explorer. Firefox is customizable and extensible, and by adding themes and extensions can be configured for each user. The ClickSpeak extension provides text-to-speech support on all web pages. <http://clickspeak.clcworld.net/> **FREE**



DSPEECH is a TTS (Text To Speech) program with functionality of ASR (Automatic Speech Recognition) integrated. It is able to read aloud the written text and choose the sentences to be pronounced based upon the vocal answers of the user. It can be run from an external thumb drive, and can record its TTS output to an MP3 file. <http://dimio.altervista.org/eng/> **FREE**



The E-Text Reader 7.2 is designed to be a reading tool. You can use it for opening up and reading existing documents in your computer or you can cut and paste from any program on your computer. You can even insert pictures into the text. It is an “easy to use” reader that gives you the ability to change voices, read at any speed, and even make notes into the document you are reading. <http://www.readingmadeez.com/products/EtextReader.html> **\$79.95**



WordTalk 4.2 is a free plug-in developed for use with all versions of Microsoft Word (from Word 97 upwards), which can help people with reading difficulties use Microsoft Word more effectively. <http://www.wordtalk.org.uk/Home/> **FREE**



Microsoft Word Using the Macro capabilities of Microsoft Word. It is possible to add a “Speak Text”

toolbar to that application. For specific instructions, see

http://www.gmayor.com/word_text_to_speech.htm



The Universal Reader 7.0

is a very easy-to-use reading utility. The best part is that it works with virtually any application. Use it to read your email, your Word documents, and even Web pages. Just select what you want it to read and then click on the floating toolbar and it starts to read. It takes about two minutes to install and even less time to learn how to use. <http://www.readingmadeez.com/products/UniversalReader.html> **\$79.95**



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boasts accessibility features that are bringing eBooks to more communities and providing a richer on-screen reading experience with additional TTS and Verbosity functionality. To enable Microsoft Reader to take advantage of existing speech technologies, you must install the new Microsoft Reader Text-to-Speech (TTS) Package 1.0. This enhances texts with highlighting, bookmarks, notes, and drawings, and you can view your annotations and rename or erase any of them at any time. [Activate Microsoft Reader](#) on your desktop and mobile devices and take your eReading library wherever you go. You can create your own eBooks from Microsoft Word documents using the [Read in Microsoft Reader add-in](#) for Microsoft Word 2000 and higher. www.microsoft.com/reader **Free**



ClaroRead Plus

features reading and writing assistance toolbars, text-to-speech capabilities and easy to use features that allow a user to quickly begin working with all the tools they need to be successful in today’s school and work environments. The software is closely integrated with Microsoft applications, with particular emphasis on Microsoft Word. <http://www.enablemart.com/ClaroRead-Plus> **\$295.00**



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Kurzweil Educational Systems



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makes printed or electronic text accessible to people who are blind. It converts a PC and scanner into an advanced reading machine. Kurzweil 3000 for Windows Professional Color provides for the creation and delivery of electronic documents. Documents can be scanned in color or black and white or opened from another application and saved into Kurzweil 3000 proprietary format. Kurzweil 3000 users who only have one copy of the product typically find it best to have a Kurzweil 3000 Professional which allows them to create and prepare documents as well as use the powerful reading, writing and learning tools. Kurzweil 3000 for Windows LearnStation allows users to open previously scanned documents as well as other electronic documents. Kurzweil 3000 LearnStation provides the same powerful reading, writing, and learning tools as the Kurzweil 3000 Professional product. Users who have more than one copy of the product often have a combination of Kurzweil 3000 Professionals and Kurzweil 3000 LearnStations. <http://www.kurzweiledu.com/kurz3000.aspx>



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