

Myths and Legends about Dragon NaturallySpeaking - Part II

MYTH: “I have dyslexia. Even if I dictate my reports onto the screen, I will still have problems proof reading this text.”

With NaturallySpeaking, you can use the built-in *text-to-speech function* to have text on your screen read aloud in a natural sounding voice.

Using text-to-speech can free your eyes for other tasks. For example, you could have a document you dictated read back while you listen for mistakes and sections you may want to revise.

Text-to-speech will read back specific parts of the document. You can specify a line, paragraph, selection, the complete document, or the whole screen to be read back to you. You can change the speed of playback, voice type and volume giving you the ability to ensure what is on screen is correct.

MYTH: “NaturallySpeaking is only useful if you are in front of your PC or laptop.”

With the Preferred and Professional versions of Dragon NaturallySpeaking, you can use a recording device to dictate while away from your computer and then have NaturallySpeaking transcribe your recorded speech. This can be inserted into your favourite application i.e. MS Word or into the DragonPad text window. This is a great way to have your dictated memos typed up for you!

MYTH: “Dragon NaturallySpeaking will not understand my medical terminology.”

Dragon Medical Edition (version 10) includes medical vocabularies covering nearly 80 medical specialties and sub-specialties. Physicians can dictate in real-time into their EMR applications in their own words - letting them instantly review, sign and make their notes available for other clinicians or even create referral letters.



MYTH: “Dragon can only navigate MS Office by voice. I need to use this software with Read & Write GOLD and Spark Space.”

By using NaturallySpeaking Professional version 10 (*Ultimate Access edition*), built-in custom voice commands created specifically for applications such as Read & Write Spark Space and Zoomtext voice enable you to navigate easily.

The Ultimate Access Edition ensures that the time and money spent on speech recognition trainers creating new voice commands for the applications you use can be saved. Future editions of Ultimate Access will incorporate custom voice commands for other applications.

MYTH: “I work in a noisy environment. Background noise will effect the accuracy of my dictated text.”

Noise cancelling microphones are the solution to reduce (and often eliminate) unwanted background noise when using speech recognition software. The ‘*Andrea NC-91*’ and ‘*Plantronics Audio 310*’ are specialist headset microphones that enable speech recognition software to work in noisy or busy offices.

MYTH: “I can only use the software on one computer (at work) and have to buy more copies for use on my home computer.”

One of the most common questions is regarding the licensing of NaturallySpeaking. Unlike most other software applications, a single user license (supplied with NaturallySpeaking) allows you to install the software onto MULTIPLE computers (i.e. both your work and home PCs) as long as you are the only one to set up a voice file on those systems. If you wanted to have more users i.e. other people using Dragon NaturallySpeaking, you would need to purchase either multiple copies (for 2 to 4 users) or (for 5 users and more) a Volume Licence Agreement.

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