

Text Reader Software Programs Feature Comparison PACER Simon Technology Center 2012

The PACER Simon Technology Center has collected information about the following text reading programs to help consumers and families choose which program best suits their needs. This information is current as of January 2012, but is subject to change. It is not intended to provide a complete listing of all such products nor all features available in each product. It does not endorse one product over the other.

PRODUCT	AMIS	EasyReader	Ghostreader	NaturalReader	ReadHear
Manufacturer	DAISY Consortium	Dolphin	ConvenienceWare	NaturalSoft	gh, LLC.
Website	http://daisy.org/projects/amis	yourdolphin.com	convenienceware.com	naturalreaders.com	gh-accessibility.com
Price	Free	\$55	\$40	Free-\$100	\$150-\$250 Windows; \$120 Mac
Operating System	Windows XP, Vista, and 7	Windows XP, Vista, and 7	Mac OSX v10.4	Windows XP, Vista, and 7; Mac OSX v10.4.1	Windows XP, Vista, and 7 and Mac OSX v10.5
Speech Voices	SAPI 5	RealSpeak	Acapela	NeoSpeech for Windows, Acapela for Mac	Windows SAPI 5; Mac OSX Voice Pack
FEATURES					
Readable Formats	DAISY	DAISY, HTML, MathML, NIMAS, TXT, XML, & unprotected EPUB	RTF, TXT, Word, HTML, PDF(DOCX & ODT in Leopard only)	Word, PDF, HTML, TXT, RTF	NIMAS, txt, DAISY, MathML, Windows Premium Only: ePUB, HTML Windows Premium and Mac Only: SVGImages
Reads Internet			X	X	Windows Premium Edition
Synchronized Text Highlighting	X	X	X	X	X
Converts text to audio files			X	X	
Free Trial Version		X	X		X
Pronunciation Editor			X	X	
Reads Text in original Application			X	X	
Bookmarks	X	X	X		X
Text Note		X			X
Go-to-Functions	X	X			X
Magnification				X	X

PRODUCT	<i>Readplease 2003, Read Please Plus, and Reading Bar</i>	<i>Read:OutLoud</i>	<i>Text Aloud</i>	<i>Victor Reader Soft Bookshare Edition</i>
Manufacturer	Readplease	DonJohnston	Nextup	Humanware
Website	readplease.com	donjohnston.com	nextup.com	bookshare.org/readingTools
Price	free - \$70	\$300, Free with Bookshare membership	\$30	Free with Bookshare membership
Operating System	Windows XP and Vista, Reading Bar is not Vista compatible	Windows XP, Vista, and 7; Mac OSX v 10.4-10.6	Windows XP, Vista, and 7	Windows XP, Vista, and 7
Speech Voices	SAPI 5 Microsoft Voices	Acapela	Acapela, AT&T, Cepstral, Microsoft, RealSpeak	Acapela
FEATURES				
Readable Formats	Any text that can be copied and pasted into ReadPlease window	Bookshare, DAISY, HTML, NIMAS, PDF, RTF, XML	Word, WPD, PDF, HTML, TXT, RTF, ODT, XML	Bookshare
Reads Internet	In Reading Bar version only	X only in paid version	X	
Synchronized Text Highlighting	X	X	X	
Converts text to audio files	In Reading Bar version only		X	
Free Trial Version	X		X	
Pronunciation Editor	In Plus & Reading Bar versions		X	
Reads Text in original Application			X	
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