

Creating Audio CDs from documents

Record your own voice and using software for editing and creating sounds.

Audacity is one of the most popular free software available.

Audacity® is free, open source, cross-platform software for recording and editing sounds. Audacity is available for Windows, Mac and GNC/Linux

To download Audacity

<http://www.audacityteam.org/>

As you are using your own voice there will be no restrictions on putting the mp3s on the internet or websites.

Using Wordtalk with Scottish Voices

Wordtalk is a free text-speech plugin for Microsoft Word

It will act as a 'text reader' and create a spoken sound version of the text in the document and read it back to you as it highlights the words.

Requires Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Word 2007-2016, Computer synthetic voice(SAPI 4 or 5, such as Heather or Stuart in Scottish Voices)

For Mac OSX you can download alternative free software

How do I use Wordtalk (taken from Wordtalk website
<http://www.wordtalk.org.uk/home/>)

The WordTalk toolbar sits neatly in your **Microsoft Word toolbar**. It allows you to use Word as a **'text-reader'**.



To do this, you simply click you cursor where you want WordTalk to start speaking,

and then press one of the following buttons (first 4 on toolbar):

- Speaks the **entire document**;
- Speak the **paragraph**;
- Speak the **sentence**;
- Speak the **word**.

WordTalk will now **highlight a word** as it is spoken.

To save your document as an audio file click on save sound file



It gives an option to save as a wave or mp3 file

Once saved onto your computer you can use a cd burner software(which comes with your PC) or use a free software to burn the file onto an audio CD. For example - Apple iTunes

To download WordTalk <http://www.wordtalk.org.uk/home/>

If Wordtalk does not work with your PC configuration there is an alternative free text-speech software called Balabolka

<http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm>

Scottish Computer Voices provided by CALL Scotland and funded by the Scottish Government – free for some Scottish public sector

Available for Windows or Mac OSX

The voices are licensed for non-commercial, non-profit personal, educational and research purposes for:

1. State-run schools,
2. Pupils at home,
3. Scottish Colleges,
4. Scottish Universities,
5. Scottish Open University students,
6. Scottish charities dealing with pupils and NHS patients,
7. Scottish Local Authorities,
8. NHS Scotland,

9. Scottish government agencies and public sector in general.

The voices are not licensed for:

1. Independent schools,
2. Private companies,
3. Scottish students studying abroad,
4. and individuals not covered by the above.

Available to purchase from CALL Scotland if unable to get it free for £24.99 per voice for non commercial use.

The licence only covers to burn Audio CDs to give to individuals and not for loading up mp3s on the internet or distribution electronically. For that you will require a an annual subscription commercial/ broadcasting licence (£299 per voice) from CEREPROC <https://www.cereproc.com/storeabl>

Scottish voices available

Heather – female voice (English language)

Stuart – male voice (English language)

Ceitidh – Gaelic language

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- A **'text-to-speech' program (text reader)** that supports **SAPI5** voices;
- **Windows (XP to 10)**;
- or **Mac OS X** (OS X El Capitan - 10.11 not supported at present);

 The voice will not work without a text reader

For more information and to download or purchase Scottish Voices

<http://www.thescottishvoice.org.uk/home/>