

Infovox iVox adds first genuine children's voices to Mac OS X

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"We are extremely happy that the new naturally-sounding children's voices that were originally developed by AssistiveWare and Acapela Group for use in our Proloquo2Go and Pictello iPad apps are now also available on Mac OS X," said David Niemeijer, CEO and founder of AssistiveWare. "Now children can listen to a voice resembling their own age in educational apps, when listening to PDFs or when using Apple's VoiceOver screen reader for vision impaired users."

To support the needs of our younger users, Infovox iVox 3.1 offers a total of four genuine children's Text to Speech voices: boy and girl voice for both American English and British English. The high-quality voices were recorded by and for children. Learn more about how these voices were made and how Text to Speech works in the videos.

"This groundbreaking project is the first of its kind in the industry," said Lars-Erik Larsson, CEO of Acapela Group. "With over 2,500 hours of research, recording, processing and development, the new children's voices are a fulfilling result and a reflection of our longtime leadership in this field."

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About Acapela Group:

Entirely dedicated to developing and deploying natural language interfaces, Acapela Group is the European leader in speech solutions. Acapela Group speech solutions have already been deployed in many services and applications: voice portals, unified messaging services, CRM and contact centers, talking web, interactive games, edutainment software, e-learning tools, public address, assistive tools for the disabled, navigation aid, embedded systems, and much more.

Pricing and Availability:

The new children's voices and Micah will cost 30 dollars/euros excluding VAT each and can easily be purchased from within the Infovox iVox Voice Manager. The other two male voices cost 20 dollars/euros. This allows installation on two computers. A 30-day fully-functional trial of each voice can also be downloaded from within the Infovox Voice Manager, enabling a thorough evaluation before purchase. Infovox iVox 3.1 is a free update for our existing users. For more information and the fully-functional demo please see our Infovox iVox page. You can also contact one of our distributors such as Origin Instruments Corporation for North America or Kallysta for France.

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