

Children with autism can use their own voices in communication aid app

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London based app developers Therapy Box released a major update to ChatAble allowing people to replace generic text to speech, with their own voices, or the voice of a peer. This latest release contains the innovative integration of ModelTalker. The app also includes new voices for added choice of quality voices and Skype integration to aid connectivity. ChatAble is available in a range of languages and is an essential aid for people with speech and language difficulties.

London, United Kingdom - Therapy Box is pleased to introduce ChatAble 2.0, the latest version of the popular app used around the world by children with autism and adults with aphasia. Available in a range of languages, the app is an essential aid for people with speech and language difficulties. The app provides a range of easy to use communication pages so that the child or adult using it can switch between grid pages, visual scene displays and hybrid pages.

This is an exciting advancement for children like Coco. Coco's mother Rachel explains, "I purchased ChatAble in an effort to help my daughter Coco start to talk again. This app is absolutely amazing and the possibilities seem endless. It is so customisable and easy to use. Coco is coming on so well since using the app for everyday things like requesting a drink or something particular to eat as well as repeating the word. I thoroughly recommend this as it now comes with Model Talker."

This latest release contains the innovative integration of ModelTalker, as launched last month in Predictable 4. The ModelTalker project is a long-term research and development effort from the Nemours Speech Research Laboratory at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Delaware.

Rebecca Bright, co-founder of Therapy Box explains: "We are excited to deliver ModelTalker within our apps. For people who need ChatAble, this means they can use their own voice, which allows for a more personal communication aid. If someone is not able to use their own voice, they may be able to choose a friend or family member who shares the regional and age characteristics to help create a voice that is more relevant to them".

Tim Bunnell, developer of Nemours ModelTalker adds, "It is very gratifying to be able to provide ModelTalker voices on the ChatAble app. As a pediatric healthcare system with a significant special needs population, Nemours is always looking for ways to reach children who may benefit from new assistive technologies. It's exciting to see our research efforts go from the lab to the iPad."

New features:

- * Integration of ModelTalker voices
- * New voices from Nuance for added choice of quality voices
- * Skype integration to aid connectivity
- * Enhanced scanning features optimized for iOS8

Device Requirements:

- * Compatible with iPad
- * Requires iOS 6.0 or later
- * 729 MB

Pricing and Availability:

ChatAble 1.3 is \$49.99 USD (or equivalent amount in other currencies) and available worldwide exclusively through the App Store in the Education category.

prMac: Publish Once, Broadcast the World :: <http://prmac.com>

ChatAble 1.3:

<http://therapy-box.co.uk/chatable.aspx>

Purchase and Download:

<https://itunes.apple.com/app/chatable/id803004748>

YouTube Video (Intro):

<http://youtu.be/-AZCQtGdWzc?list=UUtpIHvSifatJJhXkc7FK8mQ>

Screenshot:

<http://a4.mzstatic.com/us/r30/Purple/v4/f6/bf/0d/f6bf0d62-69c5-2065-2da6-710a8e2dc143/screenn480x480.jpeg>

App Icon:

<http://a4.mzstatic.com/us/r30/Purple4/v4/35/6a/12/356a12a2-988f-5149-ceee-32e45f31a41e/icon175x175.jpeg>

Therapy Box is a communication technology business that specialises in creative and affordable communication and therapy apps for people of all ages and abilities. Its flagship products are Predictable, an award-winning app designed to provide a voice to someone who is unable to use their own, and ChatAble, an app that allows users to create symbol based-grids to aid communication, primarily for those with difficulties including autism, aphasia, motor neurone disease and apraxia. Therapy Box was founded by speech therapist Rebecca Bright and telecoms expert Swapnil Gadgil. Therapy Box has been the recipient of numerous awards including a 2014 Queen's Award for Enterprise (Innovation), a 2013 NatWest everywoman Iris award, a 2014 WIRED Start Up Pitch Winner and Pitch@Palace

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