

ZappTek Updates iSpeak It to Version 3.3.1

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iSpeak It is a file-to-audio converter that serves as a perfect companion to the iPod or iPhone. iSpeak It loads Word, PDF, Pages, RTF, AppleWorks, text and HTML documents. It downloads news, weather forecasts, driving directions, and arbitrary web pages as well as RSS feeds. iSpeak It then uses the Mac's text-to-speech engine and iTunes to convert the text into an MP3/AAC track.

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Winnipeg, Canada - October 3, 2007 - ZappTek is proud to announce its very popular file-to-audio tool, iSpeak It 3.2. Load Word, PDF, Pages, RTF, AppleWorks, Text, HTML documents or RSS feeds, and using the Mac's built-in text-to-speech capabilities, convert them into MP3/AAC tracks in iTunes. From there it's a quick sync to iPod or iPhone.

- Download RSS feeds and keep track of local weather with up-to-date forecasts.
- Download news articles from news.google.com and hear them on the way to/from work.
- Download driving directions and listen to them on iPod or iPhone.

Users may open any text document or select any text and load it via the Services menu. A toolbar provides easy access to all of the load menu options and the transferring of a document to iTunes.

iSpeak It 3.3.1 sports a number of enhancements:

- * Adds the ability to include play/stop buttons in the iSpeak It toolbar so you can quickly start listening to your documents.
- * Fixes PDF processing to correctly handle accented characters.
- * Fixes a problem with the downloading of directions.

Minimum Requirements:

- * Mac OS X version 10.4 or higher.
- * Web Services require an Internet connection
- * PDF processing requires pdftotext (free download)

Getting Started:

To install iSpeak It, drag it to your Applications folder or wherever you'd like to keep it. Before transferring any text, use the Speech panel in the System Preferences to select the voice to use during conversion. iSpeak It uses the voice and defined settings for all of its processing. Experiment with the voices to see which sounds best.

iSpeak It also provides advanced text replacement capabilities. There are a number of phrases that Mac Voices will not convert properly. iSpeak It can define rules that identify problem words and an appropriate (phonetically correct) replacement for them. It will even automatically apply the rules before transferring a document to iTunes.

Purchasing iSpeak It:

iSpeak 3.3.1 remains priced at \$19.95 USD with free update for existing users of version 3.x. The iSpeak It trial allows for converting the first 1000 characters of any text. Users may purchase the bundle, which includes iPresent It and iPDA, for \$44.95 USD; a \$13 savings.

Users can purchase from within iSpeak It by selecting "Purchase iSpeak It..." in the application menu or visit <http://www.zapptek.com/ispeak-it/>.

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<http://www.zapptek.com/ispeak-it/>

Based in Winnipeg, Canada, ZappTek was founded by Michael Zapp in 2002. Beginning with tools to bring calendar and note information into the Contact entries of the original iPod, ZappTek now provides a suite of applications to meet every need. These include iPDA for personal information management, iPresent It for giving presentations on the iPod, iSpeak It to convert documents into MP3/AAC audio tracks, and iPod Launcher to automate all of iPod activities. All Material and Software (C) 2002-2007 ZappTek / All Rights Reserved. Apple, the Apple logo, iPod, the iPod logo, and iPhone are registered trademarks of Apple Computer in the U.S. and/or other countries.

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