

VisioVoice 1.1 boost access to Mac OS X for vision impaired Mac users

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VisioVoice provides naturally sounding voices through the included license of Infovox iVox for one language of choice. VisioVoice can also convert text, Word, PDF, HTML and RTF documents to audio files and iPod and iPhone-ready audiobooks. The new version of VisioVoice will be demoed at the Closing The Gap conference next week.

VisioVoice 1.1 new and improved features:

- * Now provides a typing echo as the user types into any application.
- * The text zoom window now updates as the user types.
- * Talking interface enhanced to work not only with the mouse but also with full keyboard access.
- * Talking interface and typing echo support was added for Pages and Keynote (iWork '08 and later).
- * Improved support for reading text in Safari with VisioVoice's talking interface.
- * Improved PDF import with smart-stripping of end-of-line hyphens.
- * Japanese localization was added as well as a Japanese translation for the Mac OS X 10.4 version of Apple's VoiceOver screen reader for blind users. Use with DTalker 3.0 Japanese voices (<http://www.createsystem.co.jp/dtalkerMacOSX.html>).
- * Enhanced compatibility with VoiceOver: if the included Infovox iVox voices are used with VisioVoice, VoiceOver will no longer cut-off speech generation.
- * Now Leopard-ready.
- * Many other improvements and fixes.

While VisioVoice provides as much support as is technically possible for applications that do not support Apple's accessibility API, best results can be expected when using VisioVoice with accessible applications such as TextEdit, Safari, iChat and others.

VisioVoice is a Universal Binary and can be used on PowerPC and Intel Macs running Mac OS X 10.4 or later. VisioVoice is localized in English, French, Dutch and Japanese.

VisioVoice includes a license for Infovox iVox for naturally sounding voices in one language of choice. Voices are currently available for the following languages: American English, British English, Finnish, French, Canadian French, German, Italian, Danish, Dutch, Flemish, Spanish, American Spanish, Portuguese, Brazilian Portuguese, Norwegian and Swedish.

Pricing for VisioVoice is 249 Euro/USD excluding VAT for non-Scandinavian languages. With Scandinavian voices the price is 389 Euro/USD excluding VAT. Version 1.1 is a free and recommended upgrade for existing users.

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For more information, a fully-functional downloadable demo and to listen to samples of the voices please consult the product page. To see how VisioVoice is used in practice by a blind translator watch their short video. VisioVoice is also used by the writer of the most active blog on Assistive Technology for the Mac: <http://atmac.org>

Website:

<http://www.assistiveware.com/>

Product URL:

<http://www.assistiveware.com/visiovoice.php>

Direct Download Link:

<http://www.assistiveware.com/files/VisioVoice.dmg>

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Screenshot:

<http://www.assistiveware.com/images/VVanimation.gif.en>

Product icon:

<http://www.assistiveware.com/images/VVicon128.gif>

AssistiveWare is the worldwide leader in innovative assistive technology software for Mac OS X that gives people back their lives. This includes award-winning KeyStrokes(R) and TouchStrokes(R) virtual keyboards, SwitchXS(R) scanning on-screen keyboard, LayoutKitchen(R) panel editor, and Proloquo(R) multi-purpose speech solution. AssistiveWare and ConvenienceWare are trade names and trademarks or registered trademarks of Niemeijer Consult. VisioVoice, SwitchXS, KeyStrokes, TouchStrokes, LayoutKitchen, GhostReader and Proloquo are trademarks or registered trademarks of Niemeijer Consult. Infovox iVox is a trademark of Acapela Group. All other trademarks are properties of their respective owners.

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