# Alternative Media Software Guide

## Text to speech

* Name of software: [VoiceOver](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDm7GiKra28&list=PLIl2EzNYri0cLtSlZowttih25VnSvWITu&index=3&t=0s). Operating System: Mac. Compatible Documents: Word, PDFs , Web, email. Cost: Free. Built-in.
* Name of software: [Speech](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GB-VntNWbY&list=PLIl2EzNYri0cLtSlZowttih25VnSvWITu&index=7). Operating System: Mac. Compatible Documents: Reads aloud selected text. Cost: Free. Built-in.
* Name of software: [Narrator](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/22798/windows-10-narrator-get-started). Operating System: PC. Compatible Documents: Reads aloud what is on-screen. Cost: Free. Built-in.
* Name of software: [Speak Text-to-Speech Feature](https://support.office.com/en-us/article/use-the-speak-text-to-speech-feature-to-read-text-aloud-459e7704-a76d-4fe2-ab48-189d6b83333c). Operating System: PC. Built-in Feature for: Word, Outlook, PowerPoint for Microsoft versions Office 365 as well as 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2019. Cost: Free.
* Name of software: VitalSource [Bookshelf](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRQt-Xhbm24). Built-in feature with app and eTextbook purchase.
* Name of software: [Read Out Loud](https://helpx.adobe.com/reader/11/using/accessibility-features.html). Accessibility Feature for [Adobe Reader](https://get.adobe.com/reader/). Compatible Documents: pdf files. Reads aloud what is on-screen. Cost: Free. Built-in Adobe Reader.
* Name of software: [Central Access Reader (CAR)](http://www.cwu.edu/central-access/reader). Operating System: PC. Compatible Documents: Word Docs Only/Math. Cost: Free.
* Name of software: [Balaboka](http://balabolka.en.lo4d.com/). Operating System: PC. Compatible Documents: Word, RTFs, PDFs, EPUB, ebooks, HTML. Cost: Free.
* Name of software: [Claro Read](http://www.clarosoftware.com/). Operating System: Mac or PC. Compatible Documents: web browser, Word, PDFs. Cost: $70-300.
* Name of software: [Claro Speak](https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/clarospeak-free/id977258467), [Claro Speak Pro](https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app-bundle/id1011311106). Operating System: iOS. Claro Speak: Reads aloud what is on-screen. Claro Speak Pro: Reads PDFs. Cost: Free. Plus: $10.
* Name of software: [Natural Reader](http://www.naturalreaders.com/). Operating System: Mac or PC. Compatible Documents: Word, PDFs, RTFs. Cost: Free trial. $70.
* Name of software: [Amazon Polly](https://aws.amazon.com/polly/). Operating System: Internet connected devices. Cloud-based. Compatible Documents: e-books, nearly all forms of text, games. Cost: Free trial. Pay as you go pricing.
* Name of software: [Ghost Reader](https://www.convenienceware.com/ghostreader). Operating System: Mac. Compatible Documents: Word, PDFs , Web, email. Cost: $25-40.
* Name of software: [TextAloud](https://nextup.com/TextAloud/) 4. Operating System: PC, iOS apps. Compatible Documents: Word, PDFs , Web, Auido files, email. Cost: Free trial. $35.
* Name of software: [Kurzeweil 3000](https://www.kurzweiledu.com/default.html). Operating System: Mac or PC. Compatible Documents: Nearly all file types and online support. Cost: $995.
* Name of software: [Read & Write](https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/products/read-write/). Operating System: Mac or PC, iOS, Android. Compatible Documents: Nearly all file types and online support. Cost: $645.
* Name of software: [VoiceDream](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/voice-dream-reader/id496177674?mt=8). Operating System: iOS. Compatible Documents: Nearly all files, any website. Cost: $15.
* Name of software: [Google Text-to-speech](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.tts&hl=en). Operating System: Android. Compatible Documents: Reads aloud what is on-screenCost: Free.
* Name of software: [iSpeech](https://www.ispeech.org/). Operating System: API (Application Programming Interface, i.e. software intermediary) for any device. Compatible Documents: Text to Speech and Voice Recognition. Cost: Free.

## Browser Extensions

* Type: Chrome Extension. Name: [Read Aloud](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/read-aloud-a-text-to-spee/hdhinadidafjejdhmfkjgnolgimiaplp?hl=en). Description: Read selected text.
* Type: Chrome Extension. Name: [Select and Speak](https://www.ispeech.org/). Description: Reads selected text.
* Type: Chrome Extension. Name: [Announcify](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/announcify/mmiolkcfamcbpoandjpnefiegkcpeoan). Description: Reads out loud every website you want.
* Type: Firefox Extension. Name: [Chirpy](https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/chirpy/?src=external-speechifydescription). Description: An add-on to convert your text to speech. Reads selected text.

## Speech to text

* Name of Software. [Apple Dictations](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208343). Operating System: Mac, iOS. Cost: Free. Built-in.
* Name of Software. [Windows Speech Recognition](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14198/windows-7-dictate-text-using-speech-recognition). Operating System: PC. Cost: Free. Built-in, Windows 7).
* Name of Software. [SpeechToText Pro](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/speechtotext-pro/9nblggh514ms#system-requirements). Operating System: PC Windows 10 with USB 3.5mm jack microphone. Windows 10 mobile. Cost: $2.49.
* Name of Software. [Dragon Naturally Speaking](http://www.nuance.com). Operating System: Dragon Naturally Speaking for PC. Dragon Dictate for Mac. Dragon Dictation for iOS. Cost: $99-$300.
* Name of Software. [Wizzsmarts](http://www.wizzsmarts.com/#how). Operating System: Windows based application, plus iOS and Android apps. Cost: free trial, then pay per minute or by line.
* Name of Software. [Kurzeweil 3000](https://www.kurzweiledu.com/default.html). Operating System: Mac or PC. Cost: $995.

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