Sprialis Consulting Fact Sheet

F01   TEXTHELP READ AND WRITE

Read and Write is a suite of tools to support users who have literacy or learning difficulties. The collection of support tools are always readily accessible from the toolbar which 'floats' above the application in use. These tools are utilized to assist with reading, writing and research tasks.

Its realistic human sounding text to speech feature reads aloud text in software applications such as Microsoft Word, Google Docs, email clients, Adobe Reader and web browsers such as Internet Explorer, Chrome and Firefox. Read and Write Gold can detect and read aloud text embedded as an image in Flash objects, PDF and Interactive Whiteboard files.

Read and Write has a multitude of tools to assist with the writing process including a phonetic spell checker, verb tense checker, homophone checker and word prediction. The speech engine feature can be used with all these writing tools to give the user greater independence and support to complete literacy activities in the classroom, tertiary study requirements or productivity tasks in the workplace.

The OCR (Object Character Recognition) capabilities can be used to convert books or reference materials in to a range of digital formats including Microsoft Word, PDF, HTML or ePub. Once in digital text format, Read and Write can read aloud the text. Details, including an Australian 30-day trial version can be found at www.texthelp.com.

Important Notice for Schools, Campuses and Work Places: the single user trial version is not designed for a networked computer. Please contact Sprialis Consulting to arrange an extended trial of a network compatible version and advice on purchasing options.

New in 2016: A subscription model is now available for individuals, educational institutions and work place settings. Annual subscription provides access to the entire Read & Write family for use on any device or platform. Students have free home access within this new Texthelp subscription model.

TextHELP Read and Write for Google is also available. This cloud option is described in 'F02 Read and Write for Google'.

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Overview

Literacy support tool for reading, writing and research tasks.

Benefit

Greater independence in learning and productivity for users with literacy challenges including those with dyslexia or learning the English language.

Suitable for:

Upper Primary/Secondary

Tertiary

Workplace

Platform

Sprialis Consulting offers training and support in Read and Write

certified trainer

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