

APRIL 16, 2008 SPEECH SIG

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. ACTION!

Please Sign Petition to Save Windows XP:

<http://weblog.infoworld.com/save-xp/>

Background, if necessary. Pros and Cons. Article against Windows XP

http://www.newsfactor.com/news/-Save-XP--Drive-May-Hurt-Consumers/story.xhtml?story_id=033002KT7PKX

B. CORRECTION!

Corrected phone number. I got it wrong in the October 2007 handout:

Maryanne Veshecco 1-347-738-6644

NOTE: This is Maryanne Veshecco's new phone number.

She has a new brochure about her Dragon training services.

C. QUESTION!

Would Speech SIG members like a session on Ergonomics? Arlette Loeser has volunteered to meet with us again.

II. New online videos to watch:

---- Nuance online video demonstration of SMS Dictation

<http://www.nuance.com/news/videos/default.asp>

-- -- Nuance Video - Speech-Enabled MP3

<http://www.nuance.com/news/videos/default.asp>

III. DRAGON NATURALLYSPEAKING AND THE INTERNET.

A. Watch This Dragon Online Demo at least twice:

<http://www.nuance.com/naturallspeaking/demos/web.html>

Note especially 'TYPE TEXT' command near the end.

Discussion:

More on this topicSee Dragon Bar's 'HELP'

'Working with Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox'.

In the 'HELP' files there is a tab for adding your favorite topic pages-- Next to 'Search' tab is 'Favorites' tab--just click 'add' when a favorite topic is being displayed. It's like making your own custom file of 'cheat sheets'. . . .

Examples:

To Show all places on the page where you can enter text, Say 'Type Text' or 'Click Edit Box'

To Show all check boxes on the page and go to the first one, 'Click Check Box' or 'Check Box'

To Move the insertion point to the Address box, Say 'Go To Address Bar'

To Go to the Web address in the Address box, Say 'Click Go' or 'Go There'

~ Review, Previously Discussed. Tips. How to Automate Your Work. Use Dragon's Vocabulary Editor.

Customize what you add so that it cannot be confused easily with either normal dictation words or with speakable links on websites. For example, I used to have Dragon type the first line of my address when I said 'Address Line One' until I found a website with a speakable link of the same name which took me someplace else when I said 'Address Line One'... I changed the Spoken Form to 'My Street Address' because it's less common and won't get confused with a phrase I might want to dictate.

Maryanne Veshecco keeps a list of all her spoken forms and names of all her macros next to her computer. She says: Do it once and it's done! Maryanne

Veshecco's favorite way of doing her personal 'Shorthands' is to say 'Print Phone Number' because she thinks of it as printing her phone number on the screen and because she would never need to dictate a phrase with the same pronunciation. Dan Newman prefers to call his Shorthand 'phone number line' 'website line' etc.

It's best to find your own way of doing things and making them easy to remember.

~~ What to add to your Vocabulary Editor?

Your personal information such as phone number, street address, zip code, e-mail -- especially for entering into boxes on forms.

Shorthand names for URLs:

~~ Examples I created for myself.

I find URLs hard to remember so shorthand helps.

Note that the recommended form is to put a period after each spoken letter of the alphabet.

Written Form = <http://www.speechcomputing.com/node/1482>

Spoken Form = U.R.L. Speech Forums

Written Form = 10024

Spoken Form = My Zip Code

I mumble to Dragon sometimes, so if I think I'm dictating '10024' I only get '1024'. The shorthand 'My Zip Code' never fails!

Reminder:

~~~~ Dragon NaturallySpeaking. Don't know what to say?

You'll find a list of available DNS Preferred commands in the Command Browser by saying show Command Browser. You can find an abbreviated list of commands by saying

What Can I Say.

IV. ONLINE FREE HELP:

~~~ Start here to find links to free Speech Users' Forums online:

<http://www.speechcomputing.com/node/1482>

V. NEW THINGS TO LOOK AT ONLINE:

-- -- 'Nuance Mobile Launches Voicemail to Text; New Service Converts Voicemail to Readable Messages'

http://www.nuance.com/news/pressreleases/2008/20080401_vm2txt.asp

<http://www.nuance.com/vm2text/>

---- Nuance. Speech recognition for the Mac.

<http://www.nuance.com/viavoice/osx/>

VI. LATEST NEWS ON COPYTALK AND SIMULSCRIBE

-- -- 'Copytalk'

<http://www.copytalk.com>

<http://www.copytalk.com/digiscribe.po>

http://www.copytalk.com/digiscribe_faq.po

-- -- 'Simulscribe' [We had a presentation on this already]

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

'SimulScribe converts your voicemail into text messages and then sends them directly to your mobile phone, Blackberry, Goodlink enabled phone and/or your email account.'

~~ Video demo by David Pogue:

http://video.on.nytimes.com/?fr_story=1571d3d4183ad7dbcf2ae128629e999465317cad

~~ Link to more videos about SimulScribe:

http://www.simulscribe.com/aboutus_news.php

Free 7 Day Trial:

<https://apps.simulscribe.com/signup/register>

VII. Reminder about Tech Support: Dragon at Nuance.

I asked: Why is Dragon having trouble on many websites? Tech support said it's because applets and Java websites are not Dragon-friendly.

Nuance Technical Support. Dragon NaturallySpeaking

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time)

Tel. 407-241-1822 Reminder: You can get free tech support by phone if they don't have to stay on the phone to walk you through solving your problem. For example, I phoned with several questions and asked where I could find the appropriate answers in the 'knowledgebase' online and they gave me the relevant Tech Note reference numbers and answered some questions. IGNORE the 'have your credit card ready' recording when you call.

VIII. Maybe Lefty can explain, advise?

Dragon NaturallySpeaking Speech Recognition Software and Future Computers:

<http://knowbrainer.com/pubforum/index.cfm?page=viewForumTopic&topicId=4418>

4/11/2008 thread starts like this.

'This topic is a follow up to our previous discussion of Intel's huge level 2 cache that improves DNS performance so markedly. The point is that the latest Nehalem design that intel will soon implement actually reduces L2 cache in favor of faster memory interconnect speed and L3 cache size '

P.S. MORE ONLINE VIDEOS FROM PREVIOUS LISTS:

<http://www.nuance.com/naturallyspeaking/demos/>

Dragon NaturallySpeaking 9 Demos

<http://www.1450.com/dns/amazingcharts/pediatrics/>

Demo of Dragon with Medical charts. Macros.

<http://www.nuance.com/news/amazingrace/>

The complete Amazing Race competition featured four participants: Ben Cook using triple tap input; a competitor using T9 input; a proficient typist using a Blackberry device with a full QWERTY keyboard; and Nuance's own staff member demonstrating Nuance Mobile Dictation. Contestants were scored based on the time required to complete the entry of the exact text messages, including appropriate spelling, punctuation and capitalization.

*** Dan Newman's instructional videos. See sample video called 'Editing By Voice'

<http://sayican.com/books.html>

*** Video of Vista Speech Recognition

<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/demos/windowsvista/speechdemo.aspx>

*** Click on 'free video lessons '

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

-----Optional

'Dragon NaturallySpeaking handy uses office help'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhWmzTjScfA>

*** Demo: Dragon NaturallySpeaking 9 Mobile Digital Notetaker

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erzSErESV8A&feature=related>

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[Beginner Level Intro to]Dragon NaturallySpeaking voice speech recognition demo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3DhnpLIKQ&feature=related> is

[Australia] Dragon NaturallySpeaking in an Online Forum

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUXBxeAHx3k&feature=related>