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Mac OS 8: About the English Text-to-Speech Software

TOPIC

This article is the Mac OS 8 English Text-to-Speech Software Read Me.

DISCUSSION

About the English text-to-speech software
With the English text-to-speech software installed, many Macintosh
programs can read English text out loud. One of the programs that can read
to you is the SimpleText program, which comes with this computer and is
already installed on your hard disk. (You are probably reading this
document using the SimpleText program.)
Technical details
The software that enables your computer to speak has these components:
Speech Manager, a system extension
one or more of these English speech synthesizers, depending on your
hardware and software:
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several voice files, each identified with one particular synthesizer
the Speech control panel
Software installation for different software releases
The Installer installs the files that are appropriate for your system.
Version 6.0.7 or 6.0.8
If you have version 6.0.7 or 6.0.8 of system software on any Macintosh,
these files are installed:
Speech Manager, in the System Folder
MacinTalk 2, in the System Folder
9 voices, in the Voices folder, which is in the System Folder
Version 7.0 or later on 68040
If you have version 7.0 or later of system software on a Power Macintosh
or on a Macintosh with a 68040 processor, the following files are
installed:
Speech Manager, in the Extensions folder
the Speech control panel, in the Control Panels folder
MacinTalk 3 and MacinTalk Pro, in the Extensions folder
19 MacinTalk 3 voices, in the Voices folder, which is in the Extensions
folder
3 MacinTalk Pro voices (Agnes, Bruce, and Victoria), also in the Voices
folder
Version 7.0 or later on 68030
If you have version 7.0 or later of system software on a Macintosh with a
33 MHz or faster 68030 processor, the following files are installed:

Speech Manager, in the Extensions folder
the Speech control panel, in the Control Panels folder
MacinTalk 3, in the Extensions folder
19 voices, in the Voices folder, which is in the Extensions folder
Version 7.0 or later on other computers
If you have version 7.0 or later of system software on any other computer,
the following files are installed:
Speech Manager, in the Extensions folder
the Speech control panel, in the Control Panels folder
Note: On Macintosh SE computers, the Speech control panel requires version
7.1 or later of the system software.
MacinTalk 2, in the Extensions folder
9 voices, in the Voices folder, which is in the Extensions folder
Troubleshooting (problems and solutions)
My Macintosh won't speak.
Turn up the speaker volume in the Sound control panel.
Choose a voice that requires less random-access memory. The voices Agnes,
Bruce, and Victoria take the most memory.
The Installer program says there's a problem with the hard disk.
Re-install your system software, then try installing the English
text-to-speech software again.
The Installer program displays other error messages.
Make sure you restart the computer with extensions off, as described in
"Installing the Software," above.
I had an older version of text-to-speech software, then did a custom
installation of the new software, but some of my older voices disappeared.
The custom installation you chose erased the older version of the software
that can use those voices. You can install newer versions of the voices by
doing another custom installation of the new software to install MacinTalk
2 or MacinTalk 3, whichever you used to have. (If you are not sure which
you had, you can install both.)

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