



BrowseAloud 6

Customer Support Documentation

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Introduction to BrowseAloud 6

BrowseAloud 6 makes websites accessible to those who require online reading support, which is 20% of the UK population. This includes those with:

- Dyslexia
- Literacy Difficulties
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Mild Visual Impairments

BrowseAloud 6 works by reading website content aloud in a human-sounding voice at no cost to the website visitor and zero implementation for the website owner.

Choose BrowseAloud 6 to:

- Reach a wider audience
- Reduce barriers on the web
- Improve your website accessibility
- Help you comply with legal obligations
- Demonstrate your corporate social responsibility

End User Benefits:

- Read web pages aloud in a human-sounding voice
(Includes websites, intranets, extranets, html, accessible Flash, alt tags)
- Read secure web pages
- Read PDF and Word documents in their original format
- Highlight each word as it is spoken
- Magnify text to your chosen font size and font style
- Translate word-for-word between English, French, German, Italian and Spanish
- Look up accurate dictionary definitions
- Convert text to MP3
- Mask information on the screen to help focus on a particular area
- Listen to high quality and streamed voices
- Personalise the voice, voice settings and colours
- Choose between the 17 high quality voices covering 9 international languages



What's New?

Texthelp Systems Ltd is pleased to announce the launch of BrowseAloud 6; the latest version of its award-winning, global solution designed to increase website accessibility for the 20% of the population who require online reading support. This includes those with literacy difficulties, dyslexia, mild visual impairments and where English is a second language.

BrowseAloud has undergone some exciting new changes since its last release. For example, the application now appears on-screen as a floating toolbar where the user can easily access the key features of BrowseAloud.

New features have been added such as a Translation Tool; allowing for single word translations in English, French, Spanish, German or Italian, and a Screen Masking facility; allowing users to shield or mask information on the screen to help with their concentration.

The reading support provided by BrowseAloud goes beyond simply reading online content out loud. BrowseAloud includes features such as dual-colour highlighting, text magnification, a dictionary, a translator, an MP3 maker and a screen masking tool. All features and options are accessed from an easy to use, floating toolbar.



Toolbar Functionality of BrowseAloud 6

HOVER HIGHLIGHTING

BrowseAloud 6 uses dual-colour highlighting which highlights the block of text in one colour and the spoken word in another to give a clear indication of what text is being read. The audio-visual reinforcement also improves word recognition and comprehension. Users simply hover their mouse pointer over the text to hear it read aloud.

TEXT SELECTION

As an alternative to Hover Highlighting, users can select specific text to hear it read aloud. To utilise this feature, users must switch Hover Highlighting off then select the text they wish to hear and press the Text Selection button.

TRANSLATOR

Translate word-for-word between each of five languages: English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Translations are read aloud in the corresponding languages, improving word recognition, pronunciation and comprehension.

DICTIONARY

Look up accurate definitions from an updated database of words and definitions. Website owners can add words and definitions to this dictionary for their own website.



SCREEN MASKING

Alter the appearance of the screen by adding a combination of selectable colour filters to either the whole screen with a letterbox reading window, or with an 'electronic ruler'. This feature will particularly benefit those with visual impairments and learning difficulties.



MP3 MAKER

Listening to web pages does not have to be limited to your computer. Users can convert any online text to MP3 and listen at their convenience in the car, at home or on the move. Website owners can make MP3 files to host and stream directly from their website.



Options

BrowseAloud 6 is ready to use immediately after download, however there are a number of options available to personalise the program to suit user preferences. This includes choosing from a number of high quality voices, changing the font style and size of the text being read aloud, changing the colours used when highlighting and modifying the pronunciation of words.



Other Functions of BrowseAloud 6

Reading Secure Web Pages

BrowseAloud 6 works with https (secure http web pages), intranets and extranets without compromising the security of confidential information.

PDF & Word Reading

BrowseAloud 6 reads PDF and Word documents in their original formats.

Reading Web Fields

BrowseAloud 6 will read web fields and form-based transactions.

Text Magnification

Magnifying text to the chosen font size and font style assists those with mild visual impairments.

Speech Settings

Users can control how BrowseAloud 6 reads websites aloud by changing the voice, altering the reading speed of the chosen voice, defining the shortcuts/hotkeys to start and stop reading, choosing to read sentence by sentence or to automatically read next sentence, and choosing how to identify links.

Language Options

BrowseAloud 6 has a choice of 17 high quality voices, covering 9 international languages. These include: English, Welsh, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Dutch and Flemish.

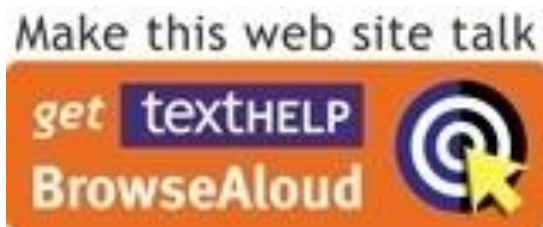


BrowseAloud 6 Logos and Links

Implementing BrowseAloud 6 onto your website requires zero effort from your webmaster. However, we do recommend that you promote your BrowseAloud subscription informing your website visitors that extra steps have been taken to enhance their online experience.

We recommend that you add the 'Get BrowseAloud Here' logo to your home page and linking this logo to the BrowseAloud Download Page.

Recommended Logo:



Recommended Link:

<http://www.browsealoud.com/downloads>

Another recommendation is to provide useful information explaining what BrowseAloud is, who it helps and how to download it. The following information has been prepared for your perusal.



Recommended Information for your Website

Listen to this website with BrowseAloud

Visitors can listen to this website with BrowseAloud, which is free to website visitors and can be easily downloaded from the [BrowseAloud Website](#).

What is BrowseAloud?

BrowseAloud makes websites accessible to those who require online reading support, which is 20% of the UK population. It works by reading web pages aloud in a human-sounding voice. The user simply hovers their mouse pointer over the text to hear it read aloud.

What does BrowseAloud look like?



BrowseAloud features and options are accessed from an easy to use, floating toolbar (see above). You can position this toolbar anywhere on your screen or hide from view, as you prefer.

What will BrowseAloud do for me?

- Reads web pages aloud in a human-sounding voice
(Includes websites, intranets, extranets, html, accessible Flash, alt tags)
- Reads secure web pages
- Reads PDF and Word documents in their original format
- Highlights each word as it is spoken to show you where you are on the page
- Magnifies text to your chosen font size and font style
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Who does BrowseAloud help?

BrowseAloud helps any website visitor who requires online reading support. This includes those with learning difficulties such as dyslexia, mild visual impairments and those with English as a second language.

How do I download BrowseAloud?

Download BrowseAloud from the BrowseAloud website:

- [BrowseAloud Downloads](#)

If you need anymore help, contact our **Support Team** on:

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About BrowseAloud

BrowseAloud is the world leading text-to-speech solution from Texthelp Systems Ltd which is designed to improve website accessibility for those with literacy difficulties, learning difficulties such as dyslexia, mild visual impairments or where English is a second language. With a choice of 17 high quality voices covering 9 international languages and a number of unique features, BrowseAloud is quickly being adopted worldwide.

Texthelp Systems Ltd was formally incorporated in 1996 and specialise in the design of assistive software solutions to support those struggling to read and write. The company is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, an Adobe Solutions Network Developer, an Apple Business Partner, an HP Business Partner and is ISO 9001:2008 accredited. For the past ten consecutive years, Texthelp Systems Ltd has been a Deloitte Technology Fast 50 award winning company.

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