Speech Recognition Extension 1.5: Read Me (1/97)

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TOPIC --

This article contains the ReadMe file for version 1.5 of the Speech Recognition extension.

DISCUSSION ---

Version 1.5 of the Speech Recognition extension fixes a few bugs that prevented version 1.4.1 of Apple's English Speech Recognition software from running on some PowerPC-based Performas and PowerBooks*. (see "Bugs fixed..." below.) To install the latest configuration of Apple's speech recognition software on your computer, follow these steps:

1. Install version 1.4.1 of "English Speech Recognition."

This installer installs version 1.4.1 of the Speech Recognition extension as well as the utility 'Speakable Items' which allows you to open any file in the Speakable Items folder (which is installed in your Apple Menu Items folder) just by speaking its name.

2. Replace version 1.4.1 of the Speech Recognition extension with version 1.5 of the extension.

Replace version 1.4.1 of the Speech Recognition extension with version 1.5. First turn Speakable Items off and close the Speech control panel if it is open. Then simply drag version 1.5 of the Speech Recognition extension onto your system folder. Reply "OK" to the alert that asks you if you're sure you want to replace the existing Speech Recognition extension file with the newer one. (If the system will not let you replace the existing Speech Recognition extension with the new one, try restarting the computer with extensions off -- by holding the Shift key down during startup -- and then replace the extension.) Finally, restart your computer. That's it!

We will soon release (at http://speech.apple.com/) version 1.5 of the "English Speech Recognition" installer, which will install the new extension along with the rest of the English Speech Recognition software in one step, rather than these two steps.

If you do not have 'English Text-To-Speech (TTS)' installed (5225K), you may

wish to install it first. English TTS allows your Macintosh to synthesize speech. You can verify that English TTS is already installed by finding and opening the Speech control panel, then selecting 'Voice' from the Options pop-up menu. If you are able to choose a voice, the TTS software is already installed. If English TTS is not installed, we recommend you install it first since it is used by the English Speech Recognition software.

Bugs fixed by Speech Recognition version 1.5
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- Now works on PowerPC based PowerBooks* when used with the built-in microphone.
- Now works on all Performa 52xx, 53xx, 62xx and 63xx models without muting sound output.
- ...and many other minor fixes designed to let other developers create applications that use Apple's speech recognition technology.

* The following computers are in the PowerPC-based PowerBook computer family: PowerBook 5300, 5300c, 5300ce, 5300cs, 2300c, 1400c, and 1400cs. Additionally PowerBook 200 and 500 series computers which have PowerPC upgrade cards installed are included in the PowerPC-based PowerBook computer family.

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