Tech Info Library

PlainTalk 1.4.x: Voice Rate Doesn't Work In SimpleText (2/96)

```
Revised:        2/19/96
Security:       Everyone
```

PlainTalk 1.4.x: Voice Rate Doesn't Work In SimpleText (2/96)

===

Article Created: 19 February 1996

TOPIC ---

When I adjust the voice rate in the Speech control panel v1.4.x to speak faster
or slower, the change will not take effect in SimpleText. SimpleText always
speaks at the same rate regardless of what is set in the Speech control panel.
Why?

DISCUSSION --

The Speech control panel that comes with PlainTalk 1.4.x has an option to adjust
the rate of a particular voice. Macintosh Guide describes this function as
follows:

"If you have a favorite computer voice, you can use the Voice option of the
Speech control panel to specify it as the default voice. You can also indicate
how fast the default voice will speak in most programs.

The default voice reads text aloud in most programs with text-to-speech
capabilities, unless you specify otherwise. (Some programs have their own
default voices and do not follow this setting.)"

When you set the rate in the "Voice" portion of the Speech control panel, you
are setting the rate of the "Default voice." Only programs which offer a
"Default voice" choice in the Voices sub-menu will be able to use this rate.
SimpleText does not currently offer a Default Voice selection in the Voices
sub-menu and therefore will not play voices at different rates, no matter what
is selected in the Speech control panel.

This behavior may change in future versions of SimpleText or PlainTalk
software.

Copyright 1996, Apple Computer, Inc.

Tech Info Library Article Number:19369