

Speech Feasibility Study

Will Dragon work with MY applications and MY situation?

The most effective way to determine if speech recognition software will integrate into proprietary applications or mainframe environments is to perform a Speech Feasibility Study (fee-based). With today's web-based capabilities, in many cases Zephyr-TEC can now perform these studies remotely. If online testing is not an option, we will send a qualified technician onsite to conduct the study (travel fees apply).

Zephyr-TEC will evaluate your computer hardware, applications and workflow in order to determine the level of compatibility of the speech recognition software. We will recommend:

- ▶ Any necessary upgrades to operating system or applications
- ▶ Which edition of the speech software is best
- ▶ Any computer hardware upgrades
- ▶ Peripherals required for your speech recognition solution

Speech Feasibility Studies conducted online via WebEx and phone will require an employee or other representative be present to perform necessary onsite procedures (installation, reboot, actual use of Dragon). It is best to have the employee who will use Dragon present but if that is not possible then someone who knows the computer duties and applications of the employee must take part in the Study. An IT or IS representative must be available at the beginning of the study to address any IT related issues (permissions, hardware, etc.). Once we are underway, the IT person should be on stand-by just in case we need assistance again.

What's Included?

- ▶ Set up and testing of speech recognition software
- ▶ Testing of speech recognition software with MS Word, Excel and Outlook (if applicable) and **up to 4** additional applications
- ▶ Interviews with the users of the system (if available)
- ▶ Verbal report evaluating the feasibility of using the software to perform computer related duties; recommendations of accessories, integration, training and support.
- ▶ Estimated productivity and reduction of keyboarding/mousing
- ▶ Honest analysis regarding the compatibility and effectiveness of speech software with your workflow and software

Zephyr-TEC Hardware Requirements for a Speech Feasibility Study are as follows:

*******For optimum performance*******

- ▶ Dual Core (or equivalent) 2.5 GHz CPU or higher, i3, i5 or i7 chips. If AMD, must have SSE2 instruction set.
- ▶ 2 MB L2 Processor Cache minimum
- ▶ 4 GB RAM minimum, more RAM yields better performance
- ▶ Free Disk Space: 5 GB (3 GB for program and 2 GB for profile)
- ▶ SoundBlaster compatible sound card or USB pod
- ▶ DVD-ROM (to load software)
- ▶ Windows XP/SP3, Vista (32- and 64-bit), Windows 7 (32- and 64-bit), Windows 8
- ▶ Microsoft Office 2003, 2007, 2010, 2013
- ▶ Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher (for online Help)

Note: These differ from the Manufacturer's Minimum System Requirements. Our experience has shown us that PCs with slower CPUs, less RAM and/or smaller L2 cache can run speech software, but not very effectively. There is a noticeable drop in speed and accuracy which will ultimately cause frustration and possible abandonment of the software.

Call us for a Speech Feasibility Study quote today:

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