**WordTalk** is a free text-to-speechpackagedeveloped for use with all versions of Microsoft Word (from Word 97 up to Word 2010). It will speak the text of the document and will highlight it as it goes. It contains a talking dictionary to help decide which word spelling is most appropriate.

Siting neatly in your Microsoft Word toolbar it is highly configurable, allowing you to:

* Adjust the highlight colours;
* Change the voice and the speed of the speech;
* Convert text to speech and save as a **.wav** or **.mp3** file so that it can be played back on an iPod or mp3 player

[**http://www.wordtalk.org.uk/Home/**](http://www.wordtalk.org.uk/Home/)

**PowerTalk** is a free program that automatically speaks any presentation or slide show running in Microsoft PowerPoint for Windows.

<http://fullmeasure.co.uk/powertalk/>

**My Study Bar:** A multi-option floating tool bar that includes, Xmind for planning and organization; T-Bar for customising font and colour backgrounds; Lingoes for when you need a talking dictionary; LetMeType for help with text input, and Balabolka for converting text to audio. And if all that’s not enough, there’s even a speech-to-text app which allows you to talk to your computer.

<http://www.rsc-ne-scotland.ac.uk/eduapps/mystudybar.php>

**NaturalReader** is a Text to Speech software with natural sounding voices. This easy to use software can convert any written text such as MS Word, Webpage, PDF files, and Emails into spoken words. NaturalReader can also convert any   
written text into audio files such as MP3 or WAV for your CD player or iPod.

<http://www.naturalreaders.com/index.htm>

Calibre is a free and open source e-book library management application developed by users of e-books for users of e-books. It has a cornucopia of features divided into the following main catagories:

Library Management, E-book conversion, Syncing to e-book reader devices, Downloading news from the web and converting it into e-book form, Comprehensive e-book viewer, Content server for online access to your book collection.

<http://calibre-ebook.com/download>

**Intel Reader:** enhances independence for people with visual impairments, blindness, or reading-based learning disabilities by providing convenient and flexible access to a variety of printed materials. The Intel® Reader's unique design combines a high-resolution camera with the power of an Intel® AtomTM processor that converts printed text to digital text, then reads it aloud.

<http://www.humanware.com/en-usa/products/blindness/intel_reader_2010_fall_promotion_usa/_details/id_204/intel_reader.html>

**Zoom Twix**: takes the easy to use proven technology of Zoom-Ex and does it one better by addting a zoomable long distance camera to capture what’s on a blackboard, whiteboard, on your desk or in the room-at any zoom, all controlled from your laptop’s keyboard.

<http://www.nextlevelat.com/zoom-twix.html>

**Screen Reader. Net:** free screenreader talking software for people with little or no sight. It works well with Windows 7, Vista or XP. Thunder is available all over the world in 8 languages and it really is absolutely free.

<http://www.screenreader.net/>

**Web Anywhere**:  is a web-based screen reader for the web. It requires no special software to be installed on the client machine and, therefore, enables blind people to access the web from any computer they happen to have access to that has a sound card. Visit [wa.cs.washington.edu](http://wa.cs.washington.edu/) to access WebAnywhere directly. And, it's completely FREE to use!

WebAnywhere will run on any machine, even heavily locked-down public terminals, regardless of what operating system it is running and regardless of what browsers are installed. WebAnywhere does not seek to replace existing screen readers - it has some big limitations, namely that it will not provide access to desktop applications like word processors or spreadsheets.

<http://webanywhere.cs.washington.edu/>

**Read Please**: Reads any text you see on your screen - all purpose text-to-speech software.

<http://www.readplease.com/>

**Reading Bar 2 for Internet Explorer**: Reads any web page, makes mp3/wav files, zooms any page, text-only version web pages, translates and much more!

<http://www.readplease.com/>