

Nuance's Dragon Naturally Speaking 10

This review was dictated to my Netbook Computer using Dragon Naturally Speaking 10 Professional. During the transcription I said comma, question mark, and period at the locations where I wanted them placed into the text. When the program transcribed an error I added in the correct word, phrase, etc. in red and placed the incorrect word or phrase in brackets. It is now time to rest my fingers and let Dragon do the typing. The rest of this review was transcribed by Dragon.

It is hard enough to get a person to pay attention and understand what you're saying, imagine doing this with a computer. A number of years ago I was at [the] a medical conference and had the opportunity to test the voice recognition software that a company was selling for use in doctor's offices. The accuracy of their software was unbelievable. Could Dragon perform as well on my Netbook [neck the] computer?

Dragon naturally speaking has been designed to convert what you say into text on a computer. I decided to test it out on a Netbook computer [the] net book [shooter]. This software package does, with fantastic accuracy, convert what you say to print. That said, I don't know how it would do if you had certain accents, speech impediments, or other speaking problems that would interfere with how the program interpreted your spoken words.



Once the software is loaded onto your computer you begin a process of training it to understand how you speak. You perform this activity by reading text that it displays on your computer screen.

When you are finished reading from the screen it processes what you have said into a user file. It further asks your permission [commission] to search your computer for [or] word documents and e-mails so it can get an idea how [eye dear out] how you actually write.

After it analyzed my computer it decided that since I was using a Netbook [net book] computer it would turn off the normal commands that are used with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and WordPerfect. The note did indicate that I can turn these commands back on. Doing so would slow the response time it needed to listen[ing] to my voice and then convert what I said into printed words on my computer screen.



The program actually did a fantastic job. You are reading this review as it was typed by Dragon directly from my spoken word. When I asked for a smiley face :-) it actually printed one rather than the words that describe what I was

asking for. It also [will so] produced a sad face :- (upon request. I use the two faces to describe the positive and negative product features.



This software comes on a DVD so your computer must have a DVD reader for the software to be installed. You cannot download the software from the Dragon website and then you use the registration [British Gratian] number to activate the package.

It seems to me that the software is perfect for use on any digital devices that has a clumsy keyboard or no keyboard at all. I was therefore very disappointed that the installation of the software could not be performed as a download from the Nuances website.

You do need to use a microphone with this package. Dragon naturally speaking 10 professional includes [clues] a microphone headset in the package. I tested the software using the headset that was supplied in the box and also a wired lapel microphone. They both performed admirably.



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