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Software Lets You Tell Your Computer What To Do

(NAPSA)—For people who spend a lot of time on the computer—as part of their job, doing schoolwork or just corresponding with friends and family—improving productivity could be as easy as speaking your mind.

That's because the average computer user types between 35 and 40 words per minute, with only a 58 percent accuracy rate. But with today's speech recognition software, you can easily dictate your thoughts at speeds up to 160 words per minute and with up to 99 percent accuracy, without ever making a spelling error.

While speech recognition software was originally designed for those with physical challenges who needed hands-free access to



With speech recognition software, you can dictate commands to your computer.

the computer, it is now used by a wide variety of people as a way to get things done faster by voice—including creating and editing documents or e-mails, opening and closing applications and controlling the mouse and entire desktop.

Speech recognition today is so advanced and accurate that it can be used by anyone to quickly and easily send e-mails and instant messages, surf the Web, create documents and more—all by simply speaking.

Speech recognition is even used in business—in corporate, government, legal, education and medical environments—to save money and boost productivity by streamlining how people get things done. For instance, just say “Search the Web for global warming articles,” “Search Wikipedia for George Washington Carver” or “Search eBay for Batman comic books.”

To learn more, visit www.nuance.com/naturallyspeaking.

How To Be Successful With Speech Recognition Software

- 1. Speak naturally.** Deliberately slowing down your speech or shouting is not necessary and will actually hinder your progress. Speak in full sentences and at a normal speed.
- 2. Give yourself time.** While the software doesn't need much time to get used to your voice, you will need time to get used to dictating. Speaking your thoughts is different than typing and can take some getting used to.
- 3. Correct your “speakos.”** Just as you would proofread and edit a typed document, so should you review and edit any dictated document.

