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Branch of the Vine Software, Ltd.

Assistive technology has made a profound difference in the lives of students. Schools have implemented assistive technology to help students successfully perform tasks that would otherwise be difficult or impossible.

Assistive technology could also make a huge difference in helping individuals with cognitive disabilities learn about the Lord and His love for them.

Unfortunately, assistive technology

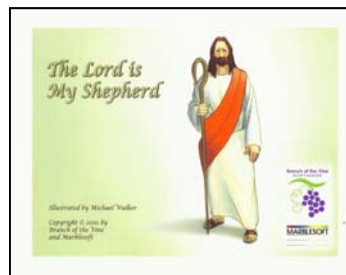
is not yet widely used by churches.

Branch of the Vine Software is a 501(c)3 non-profit company with the mission of creating and distributing accessible software and instruction materials to help individuals with moderate to severe cognitive impairments learn about the Lord and His love for them—to use assistive technology to make God's Word accessible.

If you are interested in advancing the use of assistive technology in

the church, please join us by becoming a fan on Facebook—
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Dragon Dual Platform School License

Many educators see speech recognition as a solution for a handful of students who have learning or physical disabilities.

Speech recognition, however, is a tool that can be beneficial for all students. In addition to special education programs, Dragon speech recognition has been used successfully within the school system in business

education classes. Dragon speech recognition has the potential to be used by many more students.

Universal Design for Learning is an important concept in schools. The Center for Universal Design at North Carolina State University defines Universal Design as follows:

“Universal Design is the design of products and environments to be used by all people to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.”

Dragon NaturallySpeaking (Windows) and Dragon Dictate (Mac) fulfill the requirements of Universal Design.

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Dragon Corner

This regular column answers a commonly asked question about Dragon NaturallySpeaking

Question: How does speech recognition work?

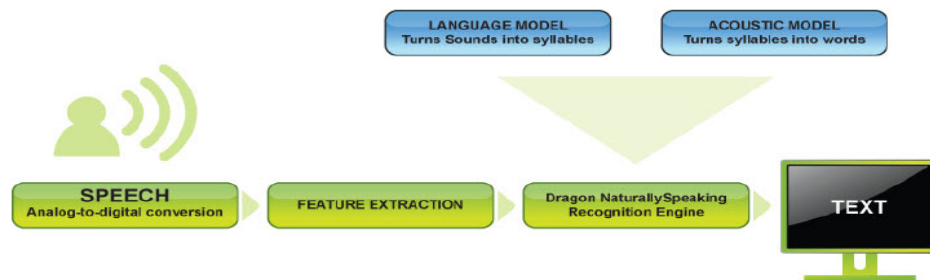
Answer: Source: This information is from Nuance.

Speech recognition software products use the human voice as the main interface between the user and the computer. Speaker –dependent speech recognition systems, such as Dragon® NaturallySpeaking® from Nuance Communications, create an individual voice profile for each user of the system. The voice profile contains information about the unique characteristics of each person's voice along with a customized set of words, known as a vocabulary, and user-specific information including software settings and personalized voice commands.

When users create their voice profile, Dragon starts with general models of how English is spoken in the US, and adapts to how individuals speak (acoustic model) and which words they use (vocabulary and associated language model). This approach accommodates users with varying accents and speech patterns. It's easy and convenient for institutions, or individual users, to create and import "vocabulary lists" for the subjects they teach or study. These lists can easily be shared, saved, or automatically refined.

The software regularly refines the user's voice profile, and employs it to accurately determine the words spoken, and choose between words that sound alike. Every time a Dragon user corrects a "misrecognition," the software updates his or her voice file to enable better recognition over time."

HOW DOES SPEECH RECOGNITION WORK?



LAB Resources is an authorized Value Added Reseller for Dragon NaturallySpeaking.

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Clicker 6 *New!*

Crick Software has released a new version— Clicker 6!

Here are some of the new features that enhance student performance:

- ◆ Quick start word processor
- ◆ Primary word predictor—fits the context of the student's writing
- ◆ Enhanced picture library
- ◆ Built-in painting tools

- ◆ Webcam support
- ◆ Favorite list—students save favorite activities for future access
- ◆ Click & Edit books—helps students create their own talking books

Time saving features for educators are:

- ◆ Clicker wizards
- ◆ New editing tools

◆ Faster access to Learning Grids
Please contact LAB Resources for more information or pricing.



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Dragon speech recognition is not only used by individuals with disabilities, but is widely used in the business world and by doctors and lawyers. Special education students know that they are using software that their peers are using when all students are introduced to Dragon NaturallySpeaking.

Nuance, the manufacturer of Dragon speech recognition products, offers a special dual platform school license for schools that want to make Dragon NaturallySpeaking for Windows and Dragon Dictate for the Mac available to all students.

The Enterprise dual platform license

allows Dragon to be installed on up to 250 computers in one building, while saving time for IT professionals because Dragon can be installed from a centralized location, the server, and then deploy to the computers throughout the building.

The Enterprise dual platform license comes with one year maintenance and support from Nuance, and 20 headset microphones. Additional microphones can be purchased from LAB Resources.

LAB Resources has added Workshop in a Box for Dragon NaturallySpeaking Windows (valued at \$199) to this license to ensure that educators will be

successful as they implement and use Dragon NaturallySpeaking with their students. This special offer is good on orders purchased prior to 5-1-12 ,

The Enterprise dual platform license is priced at \$2875 (\$11.50 per license if installed on 250 computers; \$28.75 per license if installed on 100 computers). If your school is considering purchasing three or more 5-packs, it may be more cost-effective for you to purchase the dual platform license.

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