

## NaturalReader: Instructions

Purpose: To demonstrate to students how to use NaturalReader for alternate format textbooks.

NaturalReader is a Text to Speech software with natural sounding voices. It can convert any written text such as MS Word, Webpage, PDF files, and Emails into spoken words.

Note: If you are using NaturalReader for your textbook, you will typically be sent a link of the textbook when you request an alternate format that must be downloaded before it can be used with the software.

Go to: http://www.naturalreaders.com and click on "Software."



Scroll down and click "Free Download."



Select "Save File."



Once your file downloads, work through the Installation Steps.



After you have completed the installation steps, start NaturalReader with the Windows start menu or by clicking on the desktop icon shortcut.



Once the program is running, your next step depends on what type of text you want to read:

If you have a text document ending in ".txt" or ".rtf" click the Plus (+) button, and then select the file on your computer or network to open.

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If you'd like to type or copy text directly into NaturalReader, you can simply type or copy any text into the box provided.



Note: You have several options while using NaturalReader, including play, pause, stop, and resume. You can also adjust the speed of the reader with the "speed" settings.

If you have questions about alternate text formats or other Disability Services available at Indian Hills Community College, please contact the <u>Disability Services</u>.

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