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Exporting Custom Words and Phrases from NaturallySpeaking®

Why would you want to export custom words/phrases from NaturallySpeaking®?

- 1) To share your words/phrases with another user
- 2) To carry forward to a new user when you are upgrading or to another user file you use (for example, a recorder-based user)

Why not export the whole vocabulary?

You cannot use NaturallySpeaking's vocabulary export if:

- 1) You want to be able to edit the words/phrases. Perhaps you don't want your colleague to have all your custom vocabulary.
- 2) You want to move words/phrases between NaturallySpeaking versions. Full vocabularies can only be imported into the same version. If you want to move between versions, say from a NaturallySpeaking V4 user to a NaturallySpeaking V7 user, you'll want to just export/import the words/phrases.

Any limitations to just exporting the words/phrases vs. exporting the entire vocabulary?

- 1) When you export just the words/phrases, you do not export language model data – the style/statistical/usage data that NaturallySpeaking has about your use of the words/phrases.

How do you export your custom words/phrases?

- 1) NaturallySpeaking Version 5 or greater:
Go to the "Export" words capability of NaturallySpeaking. This feature is located in the DragonBar by clicking Words > Export.
- 2) NaturallySpeaking Version 4 or earlier:
Use the GetWords utility to export words/phrases (NaturallySpeaking V4 and earlier):
 - A. Download and unzip the zipped GetWords application onto the PC containing NaturallySpeaking 4. See our Download section for the "GetWords" utility.
 - B. Click on "GetWords.exe" and the Open User dialog box appears. Select the user whose words you want to export, then click "Open."
 - C. If the Open Vocabulary dialog box appears, select the vocabulary from which to export the words, then click "OK."
 - D. When the GetWords dialog box appears, click "Browse"... to browse to a directory and enter a file name, then click "OK".
 - E. To export the words, click "OK" in the GetWords dialog box.
 - F. You now have a small text file containing every word/phrase you ever added to your NaturallySpeaking 4 user file.

Once I have the file containing the words/phrases, what can I do?

1. You can view and edit this file. You can also take this opportunity to add other words/phrases you want pre-loaded to your NaturallySpeaking vocabulary. Just be sure to keep one word or one phrase per line. See our companion document named "Adding a list of words/phrases to NaturallySpeaking" for more info about this file and adding words/phrases to your vocabulary in this way.
2. You can also "import" this file containing words/phrases into a NaturallySpeaking User File.

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How to Import a list of words/phrases/shortcuts into NaturallySpeaking Version 6 and higher?

1. Begin the "Import" of the text file containing the vocabulary using one of two methods:
 - A. In the DragonBar, click "Words> Import...." The "Import Words from list" dialog box appears.
 - B. OR, go through the accuracy center... In the DragonBar, click "Tools > Accuracy Center > Add a List of Words...." The "Import Words from list" dialog box appears.
2. Enter the name of the file you created when you performed the export, or click "Browse" to browse to the file and click "OK." In the "Import Words from list" dialog box, click "Add."
3. After Dragon NaturallySpeaking has added the words, click "Done."
4. These words are now in your vocabulary.
You can view them by going to the Vocabulary Editor (Words > View/Edit or say "Edit Vocabulary") and then choosing "Custom Words Only" from the "Display" drop list.