

How to Use ReadSpeaker Text to Speech

How does it work?

Listen to the content on a page

- Simply click the Listen button to open the player
- Then click the play button to listen to the content
- The player expands and you can:



- Adjust the volume
- Pause/restart the reading
- Stop the reading
- Use the progress bar to navigate within the audio
- Click the settings icon to adjust the behavior of the service
- Click the download icon to download the audio file (if activated in your LMS)
- Use tab/shift+tab to navigate inside the player and press enter to activate a certain button or link
- Close the player

How to Use ReadSpeaker Text to Speech (cont'd)

How does it work?

Listen to selected text

You can select a part of the text to listen to and then press the pop-up Listen button that appears next to the mouse pointer. When you click the pop-up Listen button, the audio player appears and ReadSpeaker starts reading the text that you have selected.

Settings

In the settings menu, you can choose:

- To have the text highlighted while read
- Style and colors for the highlighting
- To have the text highlighted on a word and sentence basis, sentence only, or word only
- To display the highlighted sentence with **enlarged text** in a separate box at the bottom of the page
- The reading speed to be at a slow, medium, or fast pace
- Whether you would like the page to scroll automatically to follow the highlighted text
- To have the pop-up Listen button to be shown when text is selected
- To restore all settings to original defaults

How to Use ReadSpeaker Text to Speech (cont'd)

How does it work?

Listen to a document in your LMS with docReader

Simply click the docReader icon next to the document to open in docReader.



Then click the docReader Listen button to listen to the selected page.



Click the docReader Help button for an extensive docReader user manual.



Blackboard Integration

This is what the ReadSpeaker solution looks like in your LMS while the text on the course page is being read out loud and highlighted:

The screenshot displays the Blackboard LMS interface for a course. The top navigation bar includes 'DMACC', 'My Blackboard', 'Faculty', 'Orientation', 'Help', and 'System Admin'. The main content area is titled 'Course Content' and contains several sections:

- What is Course Content?**: A text block explaining the purpose of the Course Content area.
- How do I use the Blackboard Tools?**: A text block providing instructions on using Blackboard tools.
- Practice HERE!**: A text block encouraging users to practice submitting assignments and taking tests.
- How do I Succeed Online?**: A text block discussing resources available at DMACC to assist learners.
- Orientation Survey**: A text block requesting feedback from users.

At the bottom of the page, a ReadSpeaker audio player is visible, featuring a 'Listen' button and a play/pause icon. A red arrow points to the play/pause icon, indicating that the text on the page is being read out loud.

Blackboard Integration - Tool

Open your Tools link to find the ReadSpeaker TextAid too. It will allow you to add documents to your library that can be read.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for a user named Fay Hill. The top navigation bar includes the DMACC logo, "My Blackboard", and "Help". Below this is a "Tools" link. A sidebar menu on the left shows a dropdown for "9.1 SP 12 Test Course" with options: Syllabus, Announcements, Your Instructor, Course Content, Tools (highlighted with a red arrow), and My Grades. The main content area is titled "Tools" and lists various categories:

- Academic Materials**: Purchase your academic materials here.
- Achievements**: Achievements
- Announcements**: Create and view Course Announcements.
- Basic LTI tools**: Connect to external tools supporting Basic LTI
- Blackboard Collaborate**: Schedule and join Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing sessions and view recorded archives.
- Blackboard Help for Students**: Open Blackboard Help in a separate window.
- Blogs**: Create and manage blogs for Courses and Course Groups.
- Bookshelf**: Start using Bookshelf by VitalSource for your assignments.
- Journals**: Create and manage journals that can be assigned to each user in a group for the purposes of private communication with the instructor.
- McGraw-Hill Campus**: Access McGraw-Hill products and services using McGraw-Hill Campus.
- McGraw-Hill Higher Education**: Access and Manage McGraw-Hill products for this course through Blackboard.
- Media Gallery**: Add, manage, edit share videos between members
- My Grades**: Displays detailed information about your grades.
- Pearson's MyLab & Mastering**: Access and Manage Pearson's MyLab & Mastering products for this course through Blackboard.
- ProctorU**
- ReadSpeaker**: ReadSpeaker TextAid (highlighted with a red arrow)

Blackboard Integration - Tool

Here you see a document opened in ReadSpeaker docReader in your LMS. The text is being read out loud and the current sentence is highlighted:

The screenshot shows a Blackboard LMS interface with a ReadSpeaker TextAid window open. The window displays a document titled "DHS-Cybersecurity-Questions for CEOs" from Homeland Security. The document content is as follows:

Cyber threats constantly evolve with increasing intensity and complexity. The ability to achieve mission objectives and deliver business functions is increasingly reliant on information systems and the Internet, resulting in increased cyber risks that could cause severe disruption to a company's business functions or operational supply chain, impact reputation, or compromise sensitive customer data and intellectual property.

Organizations will face a host of cyber threats, some with severe impacts that will require security measures that go beyond compliance. For example, according to a 2011 Ponemon Institute study, the average cost of a compromised record in the U.S. was \$194 per record and the loss of customer business due to a cyber breach was estimated at \$3 million.

This document provides key questions to guide leadership discussions about cybersecurity risk management for your company, along with key

Key Cyber Risk Management Concepts

Incorporate cyber risks into existing risk management and governance processes.

Cybersecurity is NOT implementing a checklist of requirements; rather it is managing cyber risks to an acceptable level. Managing cybersecurity risk as part of an organization's governance, risk management, and business continuity frameworks provides the strategic framework for managing cybersecurity risk throughout the enterprise.

Elevate cyber risk management discussions to the CEO.

CEO engagement in defining the risk strategy and levels of acceptable risk enables more cost effective management of cyber risks that is aligned with the business needs of the organization. Regular communication between the CEO and those held accountable for

Product Overview Video

And here's a video on Getting Started with ReadSpeaker for Blackboard:



Found on YouTube as "ReadSpeaker in Blackboard for Students"
<https://youtu.be/GOjuZuYaLGg>