

Online Text to Speech for Central Government

Did you know?

- 285 million people worldwide are visually impaired.
- 15 to 20% of the world's population has a language-based learning disability.
- 793 million adults worldwide are illiterate.
- In the US alone, over 18 million seniors — six million more than five years ago — are using the web.

The Increasing Need for Accessible Content

Today, 20% of the world's population suffers from some form of reading disability (literacy difficulties, dyslexia, mild visual impairments, non-native language, etc.). An even greater number of people simply don't have enough time to read. In the age of smartphones and mobile Internet, these problems can be increased by the use of small screens. By giving your citizens the opportunity to listen to your content or, if they wish, to download it and listen to it at a later time, you maximize your chances of reaching and involving the widest target audience possible.

Speech-Enabling for Better Accessibility

[ReadSpeaker®](#) online text-to-speech solutions let your message be heard by more people, from anywhere and with any device.

Available in 35 languages and 70 voices, they are used by many central and local governments around the world.

Involve More of Your Citizens

With [ReadSpeaker](#) online text to speech, you can:

- increase the accessibility of your online content for people who have visual impairments, are dyslexic, or need more accessibility.
- diminish the digital divide and increase e-inclusion by ensuring that government information is available in both written and audio format.
- add audio to your digital libraries and make all your online documents more accessible.
- provide vocal assistance for helping your citizens fill out online forms.
- provide for multitaskers and those using mobile devices.
- reach people whose native language is not the language of your website.

Case Studies

Sultanate of Oman

The Sultanate of Oman's Official eGovernment Services Portal enables residents and citizens around the world to reach government entities at any time and from anywhere without having to physically visit the offices. Making the portal accessible is very important for the Sultanate. With [ReadSpeaker](#), visitors can listen to the content in both Arabic and English.

"We are trying to help people with special needs and illiterate people to access our portal easily and without having to spend money. We find that all people have the right to get access to the information provided on the portal. The listen function is an ideal way to accomplish this. Additionally, the listen function serves all people who prefer to listen instead of read."

— Noor Ali Zahir Al-Hinai
Application Developer
Information Technology Authority

State of Luxembourg

The State of Luxembourg added [ReadSpeaker](#) to its administrative portal "De Guichet" for citizens and companies. The portal's objective is to simplify communications with the State by enabling simple and easy access to the information and services that it proposes to both citizens and companies.

The [ReadSpeaker](#) text-to-speech online service enables users to listen to the content of the portal in both French and German. While it is read, the text is also highlighted, which reinforces a better understanding of content.

Central Government Sites from Around the World Using ReadSpeaker Solutions

- Australian Government: Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Department of Human Services (Centrelink), and Department of Health and Ageing, Comcare, and Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- The Presidencies of France, Portugal, and Spain
- The Swedish, French, and Dutch Parliaments
- Government portals of Luxembourg, Oman, and United Arab Emirates
- Norwegian Gaming and Foundation Authority
- Saudi Arabia Ministry of Higher Education
- United Arab Emirates: Ministry of Social Affairs, General Civil Aviation Authority, and Federal Authority For Nuclear Regulation

About ReadSpeaker

[ReadSpeaker®](#) is the worldwide leader in online text to speech. In 1999, [ReadSpeaker](#) pioneered the first-ever speech-enabling application for websites. Today, the company provides a portfolio of web-based text-to-speech solutions for websites, mobile sites, mobile apps, RSS feeds, online documents and forms, and online campaigns. More than 5000 corporate, media, government, and nonprofit customers around the world use [ReadSpeaker](#) online text-to-speech solutions.