

SPEECH RECOGNITION for Americans with Disabilities Adapt . . . Overcome!

Many Americans with Injuries or Disabilities have looked at speech recognition to help them overcome their problems. Naturally, the first question asked is "Will this work?". With many problems, the answer is yes!

Minor Medical Disabilities

Voice recognition, as provided by IBM ViaVoice software can prove invaluable to those who have minor disabilities that would normally limit or keep them from using a computer keyboard. By using your voice to speak naturally to the computer, to dictate your document and automate programs, an individual can remain productive and a PC oriented environment.

For instance, individuals with carpal tunnel syndrome (repetitive stress injuries) or other injuries to make it difficult or impossible to use their hands on the computer keyboard may find relief with ViaVoice. Individuals suffering from dyslexia and similar conditions may have great success using ViaVoice to interact to their computers.

Major Disabilities or Handicaps

Crown has had a lot of experience working with physically disabled or handicapped individuals that need the ability to work and interact with computer. IBM ViaVoice can assist with making many functions of the computer "Hands free" yet still fully interactive and accurate for daily use. Dictation, navigation, program manipulation, etc. are standard features of ViaVoice for Windows release 10 (rev B) Pro USB Edition. "Voice Mouse" feature of ViaVoice allows the user to do anything with their voice that they could do with a mouse.

Over the past 10 years we have learned where the use of ViaVoice in a PC can work. We also have seen a number of conditions where speech recognition is not the answer.

If you are covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act in the private sector or under Section 508 as a federal employee, Crown International can assist you with the products and training you will need to be successful.

We have also worked with several school districts around the country to provide for special needs students. Particularly in the area of physical handicaps and dyslexia, teachers have been very successful using ViaVoice with their students.



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