

Studying using TextAid read-aloud software at TU Delft

Do you have a disability which makes it difficult for you to read texts for your studies? Do you read slowly, have difficulty understanding texts or do you find it hard to concentrate while reading? Then the read-aloud program TextAid may be a useful tool for you. TU Delft offers a TextAid licence free of charge to students with a disability.

What does TextAid do?

TextAid is an online tool that reads texts out loud while the specific part of the text is highlighted. Whether you want to read a web page or a scanned textbook, or you want to write a text or download a text as audio, TextAid can help you.

Reading a text out loud

Users can upload their own documents and have them read out loud by the computer. Documents are saved in a personal library. Word, TextPDF, Epub and Excel files can be read aloud directly. PhotoPDF files can be converted to TextPDF using the built-in OCR software so that these files can also be read out loud. Nine languages are available, including Dutch, English, French, German and Spanish.

Study tools

The text processor also enables you to translate texts. You can also make a summary of a text using highlighters.

Writing aid: have the text read out loud while you type. You can choose complete words, full sentences or character by character.

Web Reader

The TextAid Web Reader Booklet Bar enables you to have web content read aloud. The Booklet Bar works on Windows, Mac, Chromebook and all mobile devices.

100% Web based

The tool is online and available 24/7. This means TextAid can be used on your computer, tablet or mobile phone, whatever operating system you are using. Audio files of the spoken text can be saved so you can listen to them off-line whenever you want.



TU Library Conversion Service

Do you have printed versions of sizeable textbooks? TU Library can convert these to PDF for you, provided you have access to this service. All the previously converted course material in PDF is available via a closed database and is for personal use only. It is not permitted to share PDF files with third parties. Ask the student counsellor if you are eligible to use this service.

Important

TextAid uses its own Cloud storage. For this reason TU Delft advises students to not save any personal/confidential information within TextAid. The TextAid licences issued by TU Delft are for personal use only.

Interested?

You can find more information at the webpage of Career and Counselling Services at tudelft.nl/en/student/counselling/studying-with-a-disability/

How to apply for a free license

1. Go to my.tudelft.nl or use the mytudelft-app.
2. Open Osiris Case (see menu Go To below)
3. Click Start Case to start the application and follow the instruction.
4. Attach a digital scan of your official statement bearing the diagnosis In Osiris Case you can follow the process of your request.

