

# TALKEYS - The Talking Keyboard For Windows

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Note: You need to have VBRUN300.DLL, a Visual Basic for Windows runtime module in your C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM subdirectory in order to install and run TALKEYS. VBRUN300.DLL is used by many shareware programs and if you don't have it in the above sub-directory, you can download it from America Online (Press the disk-and-magnifying glass button in WAOL and type in VBRUN in the text box - then download VBRUN300.ZIP and put VBRUN300.DLL in the above subdirectory).

You will also need a sound-card or Windows PC SPEAKER driver. The driver can also be downloaded from America Online (Open the Filesearch window as explained above and use the search word SPEAK).

## WHAT IS TALKEYS

TALKEYS is a Windows program that speaks out the keys on the keyboard as you type them into any Windows program. The program "intercepts" your keystrokes into most Windows applications or programs like word-processors, spreadsheets and databases etc. and speaks them out as they are typed into whatever application or program you are using.

TALKEYS will speak out almost all characters on the keyboard including all letters, capital letters, numbers and special keys like Backspace, %, #, Enter etc.

It is hoped that TALKEYS will be useful for persons with visual difficulties such as low vision and visual impairment. TALKEYS may be of assistance to visually impaired persons in using Windows programs for typing text, data, numbers etc. because TALKEYS will provide them aural (spoken) feedback of the keys they are typing.

In addition, children as young as a year old could play at the keyboard, and as they type the keys they will be able to see and hear the letters they type.

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#### **HOW TO RUN TALKEYS**

- 1. Start the application you wish to use TALKEYS with.
- 2. Go to Program Manager and double-click on the TALKEYS icon to run it. Or double-click on TALKEYS.EXE in File Manager to run it.
- 3. A small green bar with the word "Talkeys" appears. Move the bar to any out-of-the-way location on your screen by clicking down with the left mouse button on the Titlebar (and while still holding the mouse button down) "dragging" the bar to another location. Talkeys is designed to stay on top so it will not normally disappear under another application's window.
- 4. Now click on the application window which you wish to use with Talkeys (to "tell" Talkeys which application you wish to use it with) and then click back on the Talkeys bar.
- 5. Now start typing at the keyboard. TALKEYS will speak the keys as they are typed and type the letters into your application at the same time.
- 6. Make sure that TALKEYS is the ACTIVE application at all times that you wish it to speak out the keys you are typing. If TALKEYS is not active you will not hear the keys you are typing. If you click on the destination application, to edit something or for whatever reason, click back on the green Talkeys bar to make TALKEYS active again. You will know when TALKEYS is active when Talkeys titlebar is highlighted (colored usually blue). Plus you will be able to hear the keys being typed.

## **HOW TO EXIT TALKEYS**

Double-click on the green Talkeys bar to exit Talkeys.

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