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Nuance RealSpeak**â** Now Available with TextAloud
Leading Computer Speech Software Adds 27 voices, 17 Languages

CLEMMONS, NC – *TextAloud* creators **NextUp.com** (**www.NextUp.com**) today announced that Nuance® **RealSpeak**^{â} Solo text-to-speech (TTS), an outstanding series of premium computer-generated voices, is now offered as part of *TextAloud.* With this new speech synthesis software from Nuance Communications, *TextAloud* converts text into spoken audio for listening on a PC, and can also save to audio files for easy playback on portables like the iPod®.
TextAloud now offers U.S., British and Australian English, Spanish, French and German, as well as new access to Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Italian, Danish, Dutch, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese and Swedish voices previously unavailable.

   "The addition of RealSpeak Solo text-to-speech brings *TextAloud* customers an opportunity to use premium voices in Chinese, Korean, and Japanese, as well as several European languages that have been in demand," says **Rick Ellis**, President of NextUp.com. "*TextAloud* is widely used within the U.S. by educators, students, commuters and others seeking alternative ways to absorb information. Now this powerful tool is available to a number of additional countries utilizing the additional languages served by Nuance."

About *TextAloud*

   Business people, students, educators, writers, lawyers, homemakers and busy people from all walks of life find *TextAloud* to be an essential tool they use every day. *TextAloud* provides improved reading comprehension and speed, the ability to listen to text away from the computer, and a number of utilities from audio proofreading to word highlighting for dyslexics. It's been featured in *The New York Times, PC Magazine, Writer's Digest*, on CNN, and more.

Hailed by critics and users alike, *TextAloud* is priced at just $29.95, and is compatible with systems using Windows® 98, NT, 2000 and XP. The program is available for fast, safe and secure purchase via **http://www.NextUp.com**.

About NextUp.com

NextUp.com, a division of NextUp Technologies, LLC, provides award-winning Text-to-Speech software for consumers, business customers, educators, and those with visual impairment or learning disabilities.

In addition to *TextAloud*, NextUp.com markets other innovative Windows software designed to save time and deliver vital information. *NewsAloud*™ is a talking personal "news agent" that finds the stories users want, and then reads them aloud or to portable audio files. *WeatherAloud*™ is a weather application that lets users select and listen to personalized weather forecasts, while *StocksAloud*™ reads stock updates and related news headlines aloud for specific companies of interest.

Most recently, NextUp also released *NextUp Talker 1.0*, an easy and affordable program that allows people who have lost their voices to use the latest in high-quality computer voices to communicate with others.

<u>Note to Editors</u>:

Evaluation copies of *TextAloud* are currently available upon request. To receive a review copy, or for more information on NextUp.com or *TextAloud*, please contact publicist Angela Mitchell at **(904) 982-8043** or *admitchell@nextup.com*.

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