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***TextAloud* Takes Portables Like the iPhone™ to the Next Level**

*Popular Text to Speech Program is the Perfect Solution for iPhones™, iPods®,
and other Devices*

CLEMMONS, NC – With the recent release of the next generation of portables like Apple's enormously popular **iPhone™**, there's never been a better time for people to discover the power of Text to Speech products like **NextUp.com** (www.NextUp.com) software *TextAloud*.

Introducing an entirely new user interface, the iPhone™ is a revolutionary new portable combining three products into one small, lightweight handheld device. For users who create audio files for use on their portable devices, and who seek the perfect hardware complement to Text to Speech, a product that operates as a mobile phone, a widescreen iPod®, and a pocket Internet browser is more than ideal. *TextAloud* is a terrific fit for use with this kind of new technology.

"Users of iPhones™ as well as other recently launched multitasking portable devices are clamoring for useful software programs that allow users to utilize them to their fullest potential," comments NextUp President Rick Ellis. "Products like the iPhone™ illuminate what a portable device is really capable of, especially when enhanced with the power of Text to Speech."

Equally useful for commuters and truck drivers, students and teachers, *TextAloud* is an award-winning program that enables anyone to easily and affordably export books, magazine articles, web content, even e-mails, into spoken audio. *TextAloud* smoothly converts text into spoken audio for listening on a PC or laptop, and can also save text to audio files for playback on

portables like the iPhone™, iPod®, PocketPC®, and a wide range of other players and devices. A software program that is highly popular with people of a variety of professions and walks of life, *TextAloud* is inexpensively priced, and is simple for anyone with a PC, laptop or portable.

"The iPhone™ offers customers a host of technological solutions from telecommunications, to games, e-mail and more in one smart, streamlined device," adds Ellis. "*TextAloud* and other Text to Speech products help to truly maximize the efficiency of these kinds of devices by incorporating the ease and convenience of spoken audio. They become not just valued, but invaluable."

In addition to a host of useful features, *TextAloud* even offers specific enhancements especially for users who use the program to listen to their emails in Microsoft *Outlook*[®], another highly useful feature for iPhone™ users. In addition, *TextAloud*'s easy and friendly VCR-like controls and high-quality assortment of Premium Voices make it easier than ever to select and hear email messages via portable – the perfect solution for business users and commuters who wish to maximize their time.

"The release of the iPhone™ really highlights the many uses possible in portable technology, and when utilized in combination with *TextAloud*, can really help thousands of users everywhere to get more out of their commutes, activities, work and studies," adds Ellis.

About *TextAloud*

TextAloud has 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, XP and Vista. 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, professionals, businesses, educators, and those with visual or vocal 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. NextUp *Talker* is 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. Most recently, NextUp introduced a new text reader, *AbleReader*, available with the AT&T Natural Voices™ for use on Mac computers. Information on *AbleReader* is available at <http://www.AbleReader.com>.

NextUp.com also offers *TextAloud* with optional premium voices from **AT&T Natural Voices™**, **NeoSpeech®**, **Nuance®**, **Acapela®** and **Cepstral®** for the most natural-sounding computer speech anywhere. Available languages include U.S. English, U.K. English, Indian Accent English, Scottish Accent English, French, Canadian French, Latin American Spanish, Castilian (European) Spanish, Mexican Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, European Portuguese, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese Chinese, Korean, Japanese, German, Italian, Dutch, Belgian Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Polish, and Arabic.

Evaluation copies of *TextAloud* are available for the press upon request. For more information on NextUp.com or *TextAloud*, or for a range of Case Studies on users ranging from

firefighters, doctors and lawyers, to truck drivers, musicians, and more, please contact publicist Angela Mitchell at **(904) 982-8043** or via Admitchell@Nextup.com.

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