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NextUp.com Adds New Acapela[®] Voices for *TextAloud*

New high-quality Acapela[®] voices are now available for use with TextAloud, in addition to SAPI-compatible voice packs for independent purchase

CLEMMONS, NC (PRWEB) March 25, 2010 – Leading Text to Speech software maker **NextUp.com** (<http://www.NextUp.com>) offers its popular **TextAloud** program with a rich, extensive library of optional premium voices available for download or purchase on CD. Among the many voice options available to customers, the voices from **Acapela[®]** have always been in high demand, so NextUp is proud to announce the expansion of its **Acapela[®]** library to include several new high-quality, optional premium voices for customers to enjoy, as well as the availability of SAPI-compatible voice packs for independent purchase.

“NextUp.com has offered optional premium voices by Acapela[®] Group to customers for several years now, and those voices have consistently been popular and very well received,” comments NextUp.com President **Rick Ellis**. “We are now pleased to announce several new high-quality optional voices from Acapela[®], and supporting many languages, including Italian, Russian, Greek, U.K. English, Swedish, Czech, Turkish, Polish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Dutch.”

Known as the simple, affordable and convenient PC program from NextUp, *TextAloud* enables users everywhere to listen to their reading “on the go,” in realistic, non-robotic speech. The new Acapela[®] voices only increase the options available to *TextAloud* customers for exporting their reading or study material into audio files, and the new choices include several voices that are sure to be especially popular with users. These include Elin, the new Swedish female voice, Rachel, the new female voice for U.K. English, new Italian and Russian voices (always popular requests from customers), and more.

Best of all, unlike some of the latest expensive gadgets and eReaders, *TextAloud* doesn't require special hardware, and allows PC users to export their reading into sound files for listening on just about any format desired – from portable MP3 players, to iPhones®, iPods®, Blackberries®, laptops, or simple export to CD for listening in the car.

“We think customers will really love the new Acapela® voices,” adds Ellis. “They help to further enrich our already extensive library of premium voices, while giving them access to even more voices and accents.”

SAPI-compatible Voice Purchase Options

While the new Acapela® voices work only with *TextAloud* and NextUp.com's other “-Aloud” product lines, NextUp.com also offers a special option for those who wish to purchase premium voices independently, as well. “We are often asked about SAPI-compatible versions of these voices that will work with other Windows programs,” comments Ellis. “We are therefore very pleased to offer such voice options now in a product called Acapela® *InfoVox Desktop*. Available through NextUp.com to U.S.-based buyers, prices for Acapela® *InfoVox Desktop* start at \$190 for a six-pack of U.S. English Voices. For more information, please visit

<http://www.nextup.com/infovox.html>.

Meanwhile, to sample or purchase the new Acapela® voices, please visit

<http://www.nextup.com/acapela.html>.

About *TextAloud*

A highly useful PC program for students, scientists, writers, business people, students and people from all walks of life, *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 from \$29.95, and is compatible with systems using Windows® 98, NT, 2000, XP and Vista. *TextAloud* can even be listened to on TV, using TiVo's® Home Media Option, and works seamlessly with iTunes, for easy synching with iPod®, iPhone®, or other iTunes®-compatible

portable audio players. Best of all, unlike prohibitively priced gadgets or eReaders, *TextAloud* doesn't require special hardware of any kind. The program is available for fast, safe and secure purchase via <http://www.NextUp.com>.

NextUp.com also offers *TextAloud* with optional Premium Voices from **Nuance®**, **AT&T Natural Voices™**, **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, Arabic, Basque, Catalan, Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Belgian Dutch, Faroese, Finnish, French, Canadian French, German, Greek, Hindi, Icelandic, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Brazilian Portuguese, European Portuguese, Russian, Castilian (European) Spanish, Latin American Spanish, Mexican Spanish, Swedish, Taiwanese, and Turkish.

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. NextUp *Talker* is an easy and affordable program that enables people who have lost their voices to use the latest in high-quality computer voices to communicate aloud with others.

Evaluation copies of *TextAloud* are available for the media upon request. For more information on NextUp.com or *TextAloud*, or for a rich assortment of case studies involving users ranging from firefighters and lawyers, to writers, editors, teachers, actors, students, entrepreneurs, doctors, truck drivers, musicians, and more, please contact publicist Angela Mitchell at **(904) 982-8043** or via Admitchell@Nextup.com.

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