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TextAloud 4 Release is a Major Milestone for the Popular Text to Speech Software

New TextAloud 4 release enhances productivity and comprehension from reading, while featuring all-new user interface, improved controls, and better integration for daily use

CLEMMONS, NC – Text to Speech leader **NextUp.com** announces the release of **TextAloud 4**, a significant milestone for its acclaimed Text to Speech (TTS) program. Popular with PC users worldwide, *TextAloud* is a simple but powerful software tool that allows users to listen to their text with natural-sounding voices. The newest version of *TextAloud* now offers more useful and streamlined features for a better Text to Speech experience than ever before.

"TextAloud 4 is our team's response to customer needs with an elegant yet simple new interface, one that's easy for new users to grasp while facilitating more advanced operations," comments **Rick Ellis**, President of NextUp.com. "With enhanced speaking controls and new menu structures, users can quickly and easily deal with their text, so everyone can save time and get more done."

Some exciting new changes in *TextAloud 4* include:

- **Configurable 'Speak' Buttons:** Separate buttons for speaking text and speaking text to file now have associated dropdown menus to control where in the text article you want the program to begin speaking. Each button can be configured to work in the way you normally use *TextAloud 4*, meaning fewer toolbars and more functionality at your fingertips.
- More Integration: Web browser extensions are built-in for *Firefox, Chrome* and *Edge*. A rebuilt 'Floating Toolbar' lets *TextAloud 4* speak selected text from any window. Users of online save-for-later services Pocket[™] and Instapaper[™] can import bookmarked articles.

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- **Simplified Word Highlighting:** A 'Highlighting Style' dropdown lets you easily pick between different styles. The default style automatically adjusts highlighting colors based on the current article colors, and changing your article colors will automatically adjust highlighting colors. Predefined styles are applied to your current article font and background colors, or you can choose a "Custom" style to pick individual font styles, foreground color and background color.
- Other Improvements Include: Pronunciation Dictionary enhancements, new theming support, additional Hotkeys, improved tags for insertion into articles, an updated File Splitter, and more.

About TextAloud

Priced from just \$34.95, *TextAloud* is state of the art Text to Speech that can turn almost any text file format into spoken audio—from websites, articles and e-mails, to eBooks, word processing documents, PDFs, or even PowerPoint[®] presentations. Users can choose to export that text into most popular audio file formats in seconds, for playing on portable audio devices. Highly useful for students, scientists, writers, business users, and people from all walks of life, *TextAloud* enables anyone to experience their reading by listening. It has been featured in *The New York Times, PC Magazine, Writer's Digest*, on CNN, and more.

TextAloud 4 system requirements include Windows[®] Vista/7/8/10 as well as a minimum of 256MB of RAM, a 500 MHz CPU or faster, 1 GB of disk space, and a sound card.

NextUp.com also offers *TextAloud* with optional Premium Voices from **AT&T Natural** Voices[™], Acapela[™], Ivona[™], Nuance[™] or rSpeak[™] 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,

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European Portuguese, Russian, Castilian (European) Spanish, Latin American Spanish, Mexican Spanish, Swedish, Taiwanese, Turkish, and more.

Users wishing to follow the latest news from *TextAloud* can visit <u>@NextUpTech</u> or <u>http://www.Facebook.com/*TextAloud*</u>, or can try the program today, via a fast, safe and secure preview and purchase at <u>http://www.NextUp.com</u>.

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.

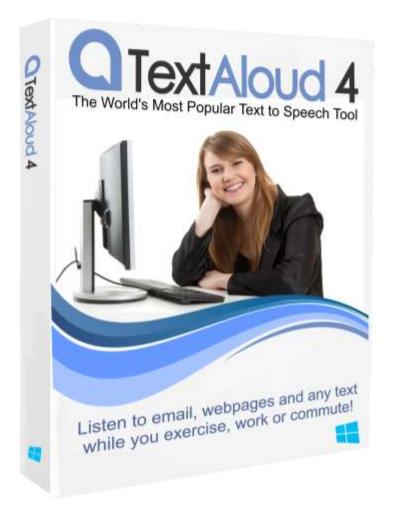
Evaluation copies of *TextAloud 4* are available for the media upon request. For more information on NextUp.com or *TextAloud*, or for a rich assortment of case studies involving users ranging from firefighters and lawyers, to writers, editors, teachers, actors, students, entrepreneurs, doctors, truck drivers, musicians, and more, please contact publicist Angela Mitchell at **(904) 982-8043** or via <u>Admitchell@Nextup.com</u>.

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TextAloud 4's completely new user interface, improved controls and added features provide an easy to use yet enhanced Text to Speech experience for both new and returning users, and with more options than ever before for personalizing the experience of listening to text.