# **START TO DICTATE**

# TURN ON THE MICROPHONE

Before you can dictate, you need to turn on the microphone by doing one of the following:

• Pressing the plus (+) key on the numeric keypad and then pressing it again to turn the microphone off.

• Clicking the microphone icon on the DragonBar.



The microphone icon is vertical when the microphone is on. You can click this icon again to turn it off.

• Clicking the microphone icon in the Windows® system tray.

# **START TO DICTATE**

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To begin dictating, start a word processor (such as the DragonPad) and begin a new document. Make sure that your cursor is located within the document and simply start talking in a clear and natural voice, neither yelling or whispering.

As you talk, text will display in the Results box while Dragon determines what you said. The Results box is a small yellow window that appears on-screen as you dictate. For example, if you say "talking to a computer," the program will display "talking to a computer" in the Results box and then write the words "talking to a computer" into your application:

# talking to a computer

## **GETTING INFORMATION AND SUPPORT**

Dragon includes an online PDF User Guide, extensive online help, and tutorials. To access the online help, click the Help menu on the DragonBar and choose Help Topics. Alternately, you can say "Give Me Help."

For answers to many technical questions, additional support offerings, including an online Knowledge Base, downloadable documentation and a detailed list of compatible hardware, visit:

http://www.nuance.com/naturallyspeaking/support

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The Nuance Communications website, www.nuance.com, is regularly updated with Dragon information including frequently asked guestions (both general and technical), usage tips and tricks, Technical Support and Customer Service resources, listings of microphones and digital recorders tested with Dragon, documentation downloads, and a detailed comparison between Dragon editions.

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The website also lists certified Solution Provider Partners who provide training and customization services for Dragon (including development of custom commands).

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# **INSTALL AND ACTIVATE DRAGON**

#### **INSTALL DRAGON**

- **1)** Exit any open applications and if you're running a virus checker, turn it off until after the installation completes.
- **2)** Put the Dragon DVD into your DVD drive and follow the on-screen prompts.
- 3) Enter the serial number that came with your software.
- 4) Choose a Setup Type. We recommend "Typical/Complete."
  - Click **Next** to continue.



- 5) When prompted to enable the QuickStart option, click **Next**. You can enable the QuickStart option after you become more familiar with the product.
- 6) Continue to click Next, taking all the recommended options.
- 7) Click Finish to complete the installation.

#### **PLUG IN YOUR MICROPHONE**

Before you can use Dragon, you will need to plug in your microphone. Depending on your microphone, you will plug it into the mic-in jack or a USB port. Note: Wireless microphones may require charging before use.

#### STARTING DRAGON

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To start the Dragon, double-click the Dragon desktop icon.



## ACTIVATE DRAGON

You will be prompted to activate your software. It is important to activate Dragon. If you don't, Dragon will stop working after you start it five times.

#### When prompted, first click "Activate Now" and then "Activate

**Automatically."** You must be connected to the internet to activate the product.

For more information on activatation, please see: http://support.nuance.com/productactivation

# **CREATING A USER PROFILE**

The New User Wizard starts automatically the first time you start Dragon. To create a user profile:

#### STEP 1: Enter your User information

Give your User profile a unique name and then select your dictation source (this is the kind of microphone you have) and Vocabulary from the drop-down lists:

Language:	US English 🔹
Accent:	General
Dictation source:	Microphone plugged into Mic-In jack (most common)
Vocabulary:	General

For more information, including selecting an Accent, click the **Help** button.

For your initial training, select **"None"** and click **Next**. You can perform additional training after you become more familiar with the product.

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### STEP 2: Perform the audio check

The New User Wizard describes how to set up your microphone and prompts you to check your volume and sound quality. Make sure to read exactly what the program displays. Click **Next** to continue.

When the New User Wizard asks if you want to **"Adapt Dragon to your writing style,"** select **"Skip this step"** and click **Next**. You can later use the tools in the Accuracy Center (Tools—Accuracy Center on the DragonBar) to make sure that Dragon adapts to the words and phrases you use.

## STEP 3: Setup Accuracy Tuning

The New User Wizard prompts you to periodically run Accuracy Tuning and Data Collection. Accuracy Tuning will make your dictation more accurate. Data Collection will help make future versions of Dragon more accurate. With Data Collection, no personal information is ever sent to Nuance and participation is completely voluntary.

To schedule a time for either to run, click **Configure**. A windows password is required to schedule this background task.

To get more information on Accuracy Tuning and Data Collection, click the **Help** button.

## STEP 4: You are ready to dictate

The New User Wizard will ask whether you'd like to start the Tutorial, see what's new in the product, or begin dictating. We recommend viewing the Tutorial. Once you've made your choice, click **Finish**.

The DragonBar will appear at the top of your screen. You can now dictate into almost any Windows  $^{\odot}\mbox{-}based$  program.