# A Simple Way to Transform Text to Audio Professionally.

Combine Adobe Acrobat Software with Default Audio Recorder on a Computer

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- Use Adobe Acrobat Software in combination with the default audio recorder on one's computer. This demo will be in Windows Format.
- The audio format is M4A which is accessible from any platform.
- In online courses, the audio does not have to be the faculty (voice. The audio is a software produced voice of a professional quality.
- It is a neutral link. Any comment on guest lecturer here, male or female, is not suitable. The audio in this format is a technical option for disseminating the written content for students who may wish or need this option. It is also an audio delivery option as required in qualitative online delivery standards.

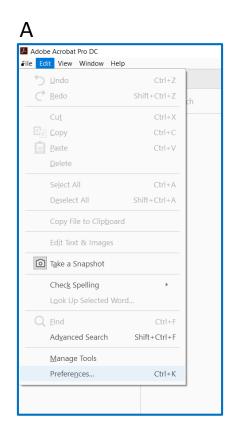
- If it is helpful, the following may be added to ensure clarity on voice authoring.
- " Audio is software produced voice for students who wish an audio option."
- Also, our students are accustomed to software produced audio as they listen to audio books on their phones, online blogs and numerous other formats. It is a common delivery nowadays.

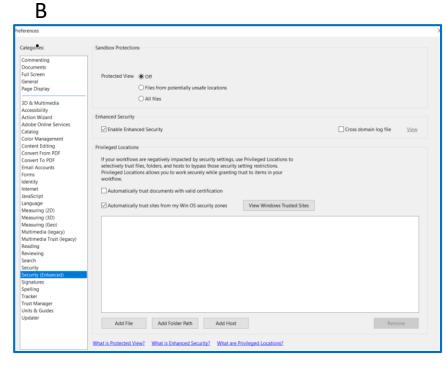
#### **Support:**

- CUNY does provide a full version of Adobe Acrobat if needed. Many may already have it but may not have needed to access this function earlier.
- Additionally, all computers have a default mike/recorder.
- This presentation will be through a PC. The concept and steps are the same in all computers. Icons may differ depending on the brand. A Reader will read out loud while a Recorder will document the sound/audio.

- Additionally, any other reader software would be OK too.
- The PC recorder will record any sound when on, including faculty reading their own scripts.
- It is much easier when the software reads it out loud.
- Pronunciation is clear.
- Also, Adobe Acrobat is simple as everyone uses .pdf format.

- To ensure Adobe Acrobat Read Out Loud Option is enabled:
- Choose Edit > Preferences
- A dialogue box will open with a "Categories" Column on the Left, and another broader section on the right with items to check
- FROM THE LEFT COLUMN choose "Security (Enhanced)"
- The default in Adobe Acrobat is: Protected View Off. Enhanced Security, Enable Enhance Security: Checked.
- If a computer has a restriction, it may be resolved as below or you may reach out to Helpdesk:
  - Look to the right of the categories column; you will see a check box with "Enable Protected Mode at Startup" checked Uncheck that box.
  - When Adobe asks you if you're sure, choose "yes"
  - Close program and reopen.





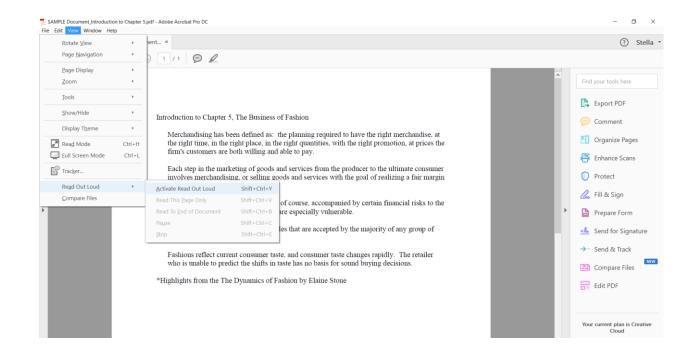
### **Steps:**

1. Save a document as a .pdf format. This can be done in Word Software in the Save As Function.

It is recommended not to use bullet symbols in the content. If needed, it is best to actually type the word 'bullet' before each line used for best readability.

- 2. Open PC or Mac Recorder function on computer
- 3. Open Adobe Acrobat

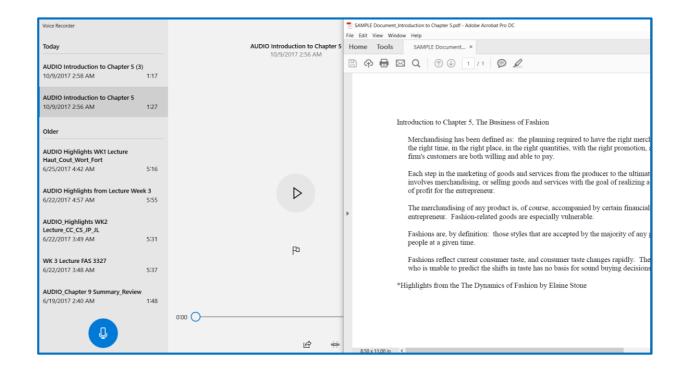
- Upload/Open the .pdf document in Adobe Acrobat.
- Click on EDIT
- Scroll to READ OUT LOUD option.
- 4. Choose **ACTIVATE READ OUT LOUD**



 Keep both screens open--Recorder and Adobe with the uploaded Document. <u>Resize</u> so that both may be visible.

#### 2. Click on *View*

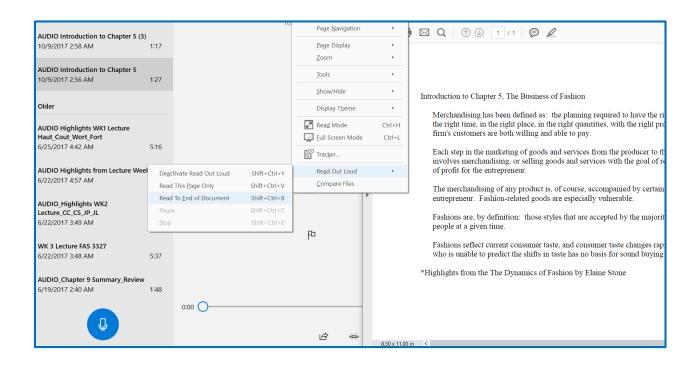
- To the right is a screen shot of the default PC computer screen.
- On the left is the Voice Recorder and on the right is the Adobe Acrobat with an open .pdf document ready to be read.
- Note on the left the Reader also keeps a record, archive of all previous recordings for access.



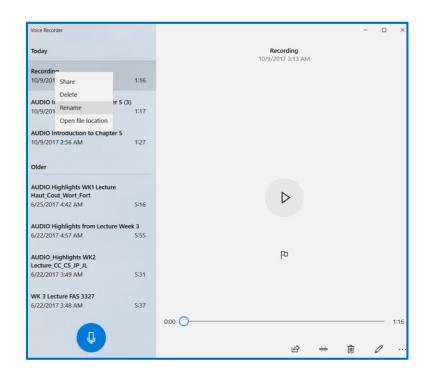
The following steps are best to be done quickly and in sequence given: Recorder first and then Acrobat Reader. Once the Recorder is on, there is to be no other sound other than the Readers as it records all it hears.

- 1. Click on the Recorder to turn it on
- 2. Immediately click on *View in Adobe* and click **on Read to End of Document**.
- 3. It will read precisely (perfect pronunciation) and professionally.
- 4. At the end, Click on Audio Recorder to **STOP** (square icon in middle).

- Click on Recorder Icon to Activate it.
- Then immediately click on the Read to End of Document.



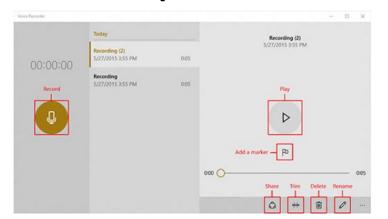
- At the end, click on STOP RECORDING.
- On the left of the Recorder, there is the current recording with the time and duration of audio.
- You may now rename it by clicking on it.



• At this stage, any extra space in the recording without content at the beginning and/or end may be trimmed/removed/deleted using the trim option (2<sup>nd</sup> from left on bottom).

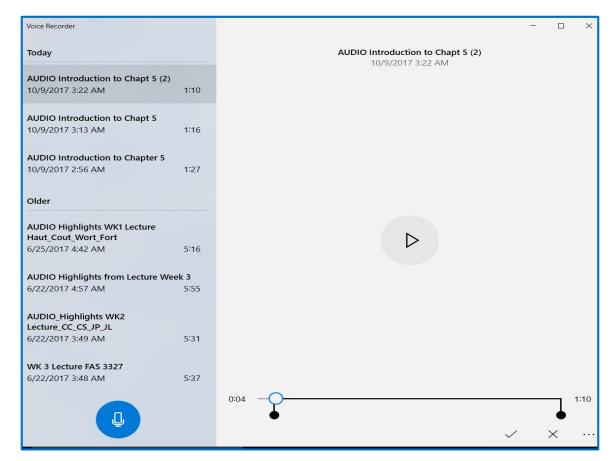
How to use Voice Recorder

Voice Recorder is an app for recording lectures, conversations, and other sounds (previously called Sound Recorder). Hit the big **Record** button, and add markers to identify key moments as you record or play. Then you can trim, rename, or share your recordings, which are saved in **Documents** > **Sound Recordings**.

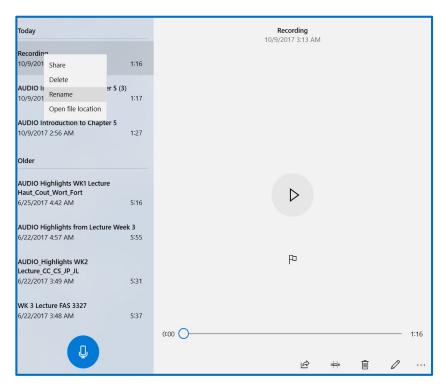


https://support.microsoft.com/en -us/help/4028308/windows-howto-use-voice-recorder

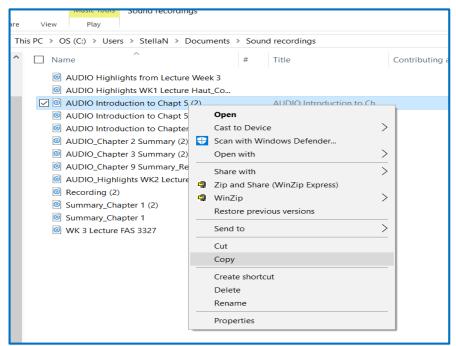
- For example if I have 4 extra seconds. I will let it play and then click on the Trim Icon.
- A blue circle outline appears that I may move forward following the numbers on the left and align it with the black filled circle.
- Then I will click the Check Mark on bottom for OK. I will then save it as a COPY to ensure the original remains if further editing is needed.



- You may now rename it by clicking on it.
- To save it on your desktop, Right click (if using a PC) on the recording in the Audio Recorder and click on 'Open File Location.



- To SAVE it on your desktop: Click on it and choose OPEN FILE LOCATION
- Choose COPY.
- Paste it in your course folder (It is recommended to create an AUDIO Folder.)



- From the desktop course folder, it can be uploaded into the appropriate section in the course, adjacent to the .pdf or Word Format document as a course file.
- The term AUDIO before the name differentiates the delivery option to the user/student.

