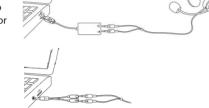


# DRAGON 12 Quick Reference Card

# **CONNECT YOUR MICROPHONE – important notes:**

- When you plug your microphone into your PC, an "audio event" window may open. If this happens, verify what is highlighted in that window before closing it.
- If you want to bypass your PC's sound system (or if your PC has only one audio socket), consider using a USB adapter or USB microphone.



- If your PC has only one audio socket, you can use a Y-shaped adapter.
- If you use a Bluetooth microphone, plug its **dongle** into a USB port on your PC
- Using a built-in (array) microphone with Dragon is not recommended.
- You may want to verify the "recording" Sound settings in the **Control Panel** (right-click the speaker icon in the System Tray).



**IMPORTANT:** If your microphone requires plugging into a USB port, aim to always use the **same port** and **plug in before you open Dragon**.

## **INSTALL DRAGON**

**NOTE:** If you have an existing version, we suggest backing up your profile first.

- 1) Exit any open program. If you're running an anti-virus program, turn it off until after the installation completes.
- 2) Put the Dragon DVD into your PC (or open the downloaded file) and follow the prompts.

3) Enter the **serial number** found on the DVD sleeve (or, if you purchased a download, in the email you received). Click Next, accepting all the recommended options.

Once installation is finished, make sure your microphone is connected, then start Dragon (double-click its **desktop icon**).



### **CREATE OR UPGRADE A USER PROFILE**

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO DRAGON...** A series of screens will guide you to create the best possible profile for you. Don't rush through it. It will determine your initial accuracy!

Once your profile is created, Dragon offers ways to refine it, including designating **specific text to analyze**.

**IF YOU USED DRAGON 10 or 11...** Dragon 12 will detect profiles on your PC and start its Upgrade Wizard. (If you do not want to upgrade any profile now, close the wizard. You can launch it later from the Start menu.)



IMPORTANT: Once the upgrade completes, we strongly recommend you launch Accuracy Tuning (see the Audio menu) and read the What's New.

#### BEFORE YOU START DICTATING...

Go through the **Interactive Tutorial** (its simulations include practice for efficient editing including the **"go back"** command and **smart formatting**).

Then click the DragonBar's Help menu and see its content, especially the regular Tutorial.



## PERSONALIZE YOUR PROFILE'S VOCABULARY

In order to dictate efficiently, you should let Dragon learn what *you* use: nicknames, jargon, capitalized phrases, email addresses...

Personalizing your Profile will prevent many errors.

There are several means to do it including having Dragon analyze text similar to what you plan to dictate. See "Improve my accuracy" in the Help menu.

#### THE DRAGON SIDEBAR

The Sidebar displays tips and sample commands (global and application-specific).

The top pane contains clickable links to related Help topics and tools.

You can open the Sidebar by saying "Open Dragon Sidebar" or "What Can I Say?"



**NOTE:** Right-clicking the Sidebar displays a menu from which you can hide the Mouse tab, print, and more.



# CORRECTING ERRORS

Although personalizing the vocabulary will prevent many errors, some errors are inevitable. By correcting Dragon's errors, you can help it learn from them. Experiment with "when" and "how" to correct. Dragon lets you do it entirely by voice, but also allows **typing over**, pressing a **hotkey**, and more. (See the Options dialog.)

When Dragon misrecognizes something you dictated, you can say "Correct that" or "Correct <xyz>" -- <xyz> being the wrong word(s) on the screen.

This will display the **Correction Menu**, which shows a list of alternatives. If what you wanted is on the list, choose it (say for instance "choose 1").

If not, you can say "Spell that" to open the Spelling window, where you can **spell or type** what Dragon should have recognized or **modify** an alternative that is almost correct.



# AN IMPORTANT HABIT: CONTROL WHETHER DRAGON LISTENS

One can control Dragon's microphone by:

- Pressing the + on your numeric keypad (this hotkey can be changed in Dragon's Options dialog).
- Clicking the microphone icon on the DragonBar or System Tray.
- Using commands such as "wake up" and "microphone off."

On: Dragon is listening.

Off: Dragon cannot hear anything.





# YOUR FIRST DICTATION

Start a word processor and make sure your cursor is in the document, then turn on the microphone and dictate sentences in a clear and natural voice. Say punctuation and commands like **new paragraph**.

As you dictate, a small Dragon icon (5) indicates that the software is processing. No need to wait for Dragon to "catch up." Dictate at a natural pace. Aim to speak long phrases, since this gives Dragon some context and leads to much better results than slow, halting speech.

NOTE: Dragon automatically handles a lot of formatting, including spacing, dates and percentages. If you want to capitalize a particular word, say "cap" or "all caps" before it.

# SHUTTING DOWN DRAGON

It's useful to **exit Dragon** at least once a day: from the **Profile menu**, choose Exit Dragon.

If a message asks whether you want to save changes to your profile, say yes to preserve the refinements made during your session (such as analyzing text or adding a Spoken Form). Note: Dragon may offer to also perform a **quick optimization** of your profile.

# **LEARNING MORE**

At first, focus on getting used to dictating fluently and **refining the vocabulary**. Over time, you can learn to do more and more by voice.

At any time, you can search the Help with a direct command such as "Search Dragon Help for hotkey options." You can also use Dragon's Help menu.

Many resources are on the Web including the latest guides, tips, videos, compatible hardware, partners who provide customization services and Support.

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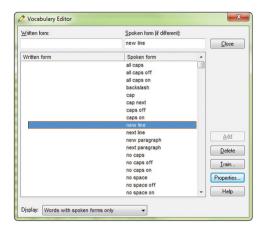
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# **SAMPLE CHARACTERS** (see the Help for more)

NOTE: You can adjust spoken forms and properties in the Vocabulary Editor.



To Enter... You Can Say... dot | point | period | full stop exclamation point | mark apostrophe ess open paren close quote at sign plus sign underscore hyphen semi colon optional ess winky face ampersand section sign

hashmark | number sign

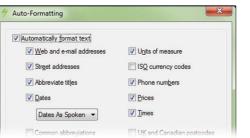
# NUMBERS, DATES, TIMES, UNITS, PRICES...

You Can Say...

To Enter..

**NOTE:** You can change the way Dragon formats numbers, abbreviations, and more. (The Vocabulary Editor lets you set **Word Properties** such as "Fig." for "figure" in front of numbers and "colour" for "color.")

10 Elitel	Tou Call Say
4.2	four point two
\$4.50	four dollars and fifty cents
4	numeral four (or say spell four)
MMIV	Roman numeral two thousand four
0.03	zero point zero three
4 x 4	four by four
4 mm	four millimeters
4°	four degrees
179	one hundred seventy nine <i>or</i> one seventy nine <i>or</i> one hundre and seventy-nine
5423	five thousand four hundred twenty three
11/32	eleven over thirty two
781-565-5000	seven eight one five six five five thousand
8:30 PM	eight thirty P M
200 kg	two hundred kilograms
5′3″	five feet three inches
May 15, 2003	May fifteenth two thousand three ("comma" is optional)
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# **SAMPLE COMMANDS** (see Sidebar, Help and Command Browser)

#### **PRINCIPLES:**

- To click a button or other interface item, say its name preceded by "click" (see the Commands tab of the Options dialoa).
- Pause before and after commands but not within them.

Control the Microphone	Get Help
Go to sleep   Stop listening	Give me help
Wake up	What can I say
Microphone off	Dragon Sidebar Help
	Search Dragon Help for

#### Search the Web Search the Computer

Open top site for... (requires a desktop search engine) Search Google for 7 divided by 12 Search the computer for.. Search Wikipedia for... Search documents for... Search maps for... Search email for...

Search news for...

# **Gmail and Hotmail**

Open top site for Gmail | Hotmail Go to address, Press alt d Go there, Press Enter Show site commands Click hide commands Refresh page, Press F5 Click Inbox | Drafts... Open new tab, Press control t Compose new email Find on this page, Press control f Go to Subject | Body | To Open top site for Nuance Communications

#### Select Text **Edit Text**

Select all Resume with <xvz> Select <xyz> Delete line Select next <n> words Delete last <n> words

Scratch that <n> times Select <start> through <end> Select previous paragraph Backspace <n> Select document Undo that Unselect that Cut that Paste that

Show Dictation Box

Surf in Internet Explorer and Firefox

**Correct Dragon's Errors** Spell Out Correct <xyz> Spell that

Correct that Spell <cap b a hyphen 5> Spell <space Charlie alpha papa> Move the Insertion Point Add Lines and Spaces

Insert before <xvz> New line

Go back New paragraph Press Enter Go to top | bottom Move down <n> lines Press Tab key Go to end of line Tab <n> times

Move left <n> characters

Page up | down

Move in a list Format

Move down <n> Bullet selection, Unbullet that

Go to bottom I top Bold the previous line Press Enter

Underline <xyz>, Capitalize <xyz> Press right arrow Make this uppercase, Uncap that

All caps on | off

Work with Windows

Switch to <window name> Minimize window Show Desktop Restore windows

List all windows List windows for cprogram>

Start and Close Items (see the options for Start menu and Desktop)

Click Start Start DragonPad Start Microsoft Word Start <item name> Start Internet Explorer Start Mail Open Control Panel Close window, Press alt F4

Position the Mouse Move the Mouse

Move mouse up MouseGrid

Move mouse right MouseGrid window Move mouse down slower MouseGrid <1 to 9><1 to 9>

Cancel

Click the Mouse Drag the Mouse

Mouse click Drag mouse down faster

Mouse double click Mouse drag lower right very fast

Mouse right click Mouse drag up very fast



Stop

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Switch to Spell mode

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