

FAQ

What do I need to record my voice?

All you need is a computer running the Google Chrome browser, a head-worn microphone, and a quiet place to record your voice. Remember, the quality of your recordings will impact the voice we can create.

How long does it take?

We need to record approximately 3500 sentences to create a digital voice, which takes an average of 5-7 hours. You can record from the comfort of your home and on your own schedule. Recording is broken up into short 10-15 minute sessions over the course of several weeks.

Do I need to be a professional voice talent?

Absolutely not. We need all types of voices. Let your voice be heard in the symphony of our collective voice.

I have an accent, can I still share my voice?

Yes! We need English speakers of all ages from a variety of geographical and cultural backgrounds to craft diverse voices to fit and honor our digital voice recipients.

Will others recognize someone using my voice?

Unlikely. Your voice is always blended with elements of the matched recipient's own vocalizations to create a unique vocal persona, unless the digital voice is for yourself.

How else can I make a difference?

We're always looking for ambassadors to help spread the word. You can recruit friends to share their voice or hold a Voice Drive for your group or organization. It's a great community service project!



The Human Voicebank Initiative

by VOCALiD



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YOUR VOICE IS STRONG FRIENDLY KIND SMART BOLD ENTHUSIASTIC FEARLESS QUIRKY CONFIDENT SWEET LOVING SPUNKY YOU.

You're..you! Unlike anyone else. Others know and remember you by your looks, your personality, your actions, and of course - your unique voice.

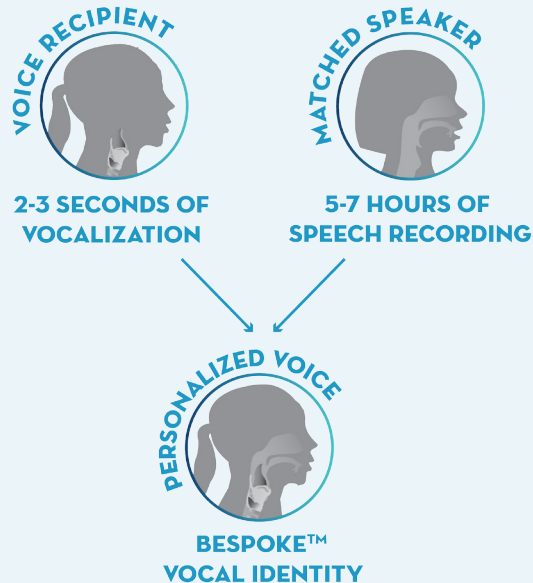
Yet 2.5 million Americans living with voicelessness due to cerebral palsy, autism, ALS, or stroke rely on computers to speak on their behalf. Their identities are often defined by generic, robotic-sounding voices (like the one made famous by renowned physicist, Stephen Hawking). It's not uncommon for several children in a classroom or adults in a workplace to use the same synthetic voice. We wouldn't dream of fitting a little girl with the prosthetic limb of a grown man, so why the same prosthetic voice?

WHO WE ARE

VocaliD is bringing speaking machines to life - so EVERY voice is heard! We create understandable and uniquely crafted digital voices that empower those who rely on assistive devices to interact with the world around them. To create high-quality affordable voices, we leverage our voice matching and blending technology with our growing and diverse Human Voicebank.

VOCALID VOICES

Our breakthrough technology requires only 2-3 seconds of sound from the recipient, which is matched and blended with 5-7 hours of speech from someone like you who has shared their voice on the Human Voicebank platform. The result is a digital voice that conveys your clarity, but the recipient's unique vocal identity.



SHARE YOUR VOICE

Our Human Voicebank initiative aims to gather the largest and most diverse database of speech recordings from people of all ages, accents, and voicetypes. Our virtual recording studio enables anyone to share their voice. All you need is a computer, a headset microphone, and a quiet space to begin recording. For all the worry about how technology is depersonalizing us, here's a way in which technology can make us all a little more human. Join over 12,000 people from around the world who are sharing the gift of voice.

GET STARTED

Create an account on our website to gain access to our virtual recording studio (vocalid.co/voicebank). After a sound-quality calibration, you'll be prompted to read and repeat sentences that cover every sound and sound combination in the language. Although our initial effort is in English, we invite and celebrate the diversity of how the language is spoken around the world.

VOCAL LEGACY

VocaliD's technology can also be used to preserve and reconstruct your own vocal identity when needed. Whether you're backing up your voice as insurance for a day when it is lost or unavailable, or interested in creating a vocal avatar, we can recreate your voice in digital form.

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