

In this Information Age, access to information is a fundamental human right.

Save as...

DAISY





Today, most of the leading organizations of and for the visually- and print-disabled, throughout the world, are committed to make information available to them. DAISY Translator is a revolutionary step in this direction.

DAISY Translator is a plug-in to Microsoft Office Word 2003, 2007 and XP, developed by Sonata Software Limited in collaboration with Microsoft and the DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) Consortium. It converts a Microsoft Office Word document into DAISY XML, the foundation of the globally accepted DAISY Standard for reading and publishing navigable multimedia content.

The DAISY Standard is used to create easily accessible and feature-rich Digital Talking Books for the visually- and print-disabled. DAISY Translator also enables the print-disabled to navigate through the content of a Digital Talking Book by creating a heading or page number with indices and references, all in the correct order with synchronized audio and text.



MS Document



DAISY Translator



Audio Reader

Through DAISY Translator, the visually and print-disabled users can also save files created in the world's most widely used word-processing program -- Microsoft Office Word -- in the world's most widely used, accessible and enriched format -- DAISY.

By creating DAISY content from Open XML-based documents and making it accessible to visually- and print-disabled users, DAISY Translator offers substantial and immediate benefits to publishers, governments, corporations and institutions.

The global availability of DAISY Translator via a free, downloadable plug-in ensures that people with print disabilities around the world -- who have so far been losing out on the benefits of the Information Age -- have better access to the information contained in billions of documents. This addresses their compelling need for free and secure access to information, thereby helping them lead more meaningful, independent and productive lives.

In addition to its clear benefits for the print-disabled community, DAISY Translator also offers the potential for further innovation in the information-intensive markets of publishing, training and education. Apart from individuals with print disabilities, for whom the DAISY format was originally designed, DAISY Translator can benefit other groups of users as well. For example, individuals who cannot read and write can greatly benefit from it.

Additional Features

Easy Keyboard Navigation



Multiple document Translation



Mathematics Support



Helper Wizard



Abbreviation and Acronyms



Command Line support



5 Easy steps for Translation

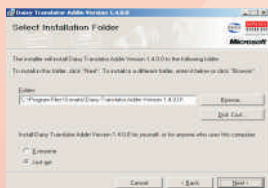
1. Download

Download free DAISY Translator add-in from either <http://www.openxmlcommunity.org/daisy> or directly from <http://sourceforge.net/projects/openxml-daisy/>



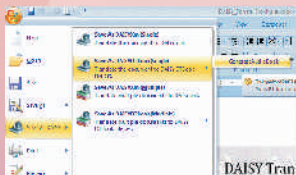
2. Install

Install and run the DAISY Translator Setup Wizard which will automatically add the DAISY Translator option to Word.



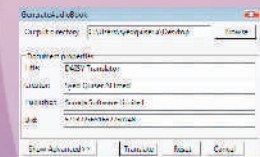
3. Open

Open the Word document you wish to translate or create a new document.



4. Translate

Within Microsoft Word simply select "Save As DAISY." The translator will create a digital file that narrates the document's content for audio narration and maps to a text file with the XML structure of the text.



5. Play

The original document has now been converted to a DAISY files .



Advantages:

- Digital Talking Books generated using DAISY Translator give visually- and print-disabled people an easy way to read. With links between text and narration, these books allow a reader to go directly to specific sections, chapters or pages, and place bookmarks.

- When a reader pauses/stops reading, a digital playback device "remembers" where (s)he stops and resumes playing the Digital Talking Book at that particular point when (s)he starts to read again.

- Digital Talking Books created using DAISY Translator have better sound quality as compared to that of the audio books created using other technologies. Digital recording of DAISY Digital Talking Books eliminates the traditional hiss and background noise common in cassettes, especially those that have been played many times. This is important to readers with hearing impairment.

- Apart from visually- and print-disabled individuals, the Digital Talking Books based on DAISY Translator can benefit other group of users as well. For example, people who cannot read or write.

- Digital Talking Books support multiple languages, enabling people understanding different languages use them with equal ease.

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