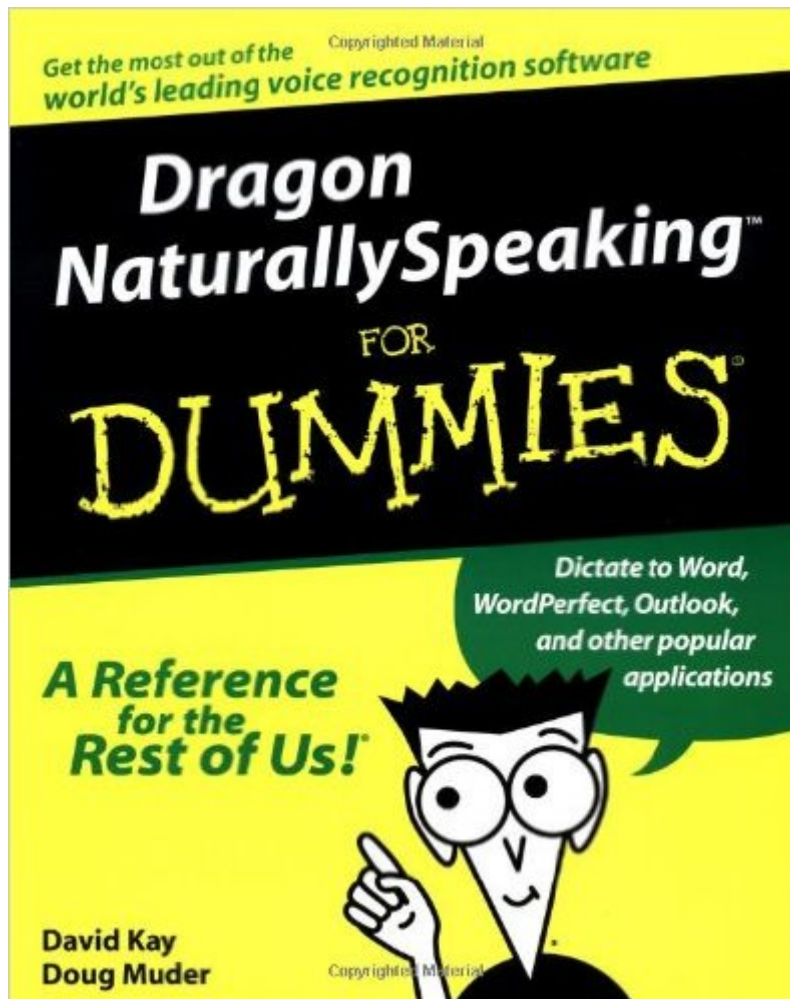


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# Dragon NaturallySpeaking For Dummies (For Dummies (Computers))



## Synopsis

Free at last! Finally, someone has come along to free you from your keyboard. With Dragon NaturallySpeaking, the miraculous voice-recognition software in your computer, you can browse the Web, control your applications, control your desktop, write documents, and more without ever once laying finger to plastic. But don't run out and get yourself fitted for that Star Fleet uniform just yet, cadet. Dragon NaturallySpeaking is the most accurate voice recognition software on the market, and while it really does deliver on all its claims, it can be very finicky, and getting top results can be tricky. The complete guide to the care of feeding or your Dragon, Dragon NaturallySpeaking For Dummies is a must-have companion for voice-recognition trailblazers who are ready to: Kiss that keyboard goodbye and say hello to hands-free computing Verbally control your Windows desktop and most applications Dictate, edit, format and proofread documents in Word and WordPerfect Browse the Web and compose and send email by voice Use a pocket digital recorder on the run Here's all you need to fire up your Dragon and get it dancing to your tune. Your total guide to installing, configuring, fine-tuning and getting the most out of that amazing voice recognition software, Dragon NaturallySpeaking For Dummies covers all the bases, including: Installing, configuring, and launching your Dragon Dictating, editing, proofreading, and formatting documents in NaturallySpeaking Recording speech onto the NaturallySpeaking recorder and transcribing recorded speech Dictating into other applications Controlling your desktop and windows by voice Using NaturalWord for Word and WordPerfect Browsing the Web, emailing and faxing by voice Managing databases hands-free Maximizing voice recognition accuracy Having multiple users and vocabularies Adding specialized items and verbal shortcuts to Dragon's vocabulary With the introduction of Dragon NaturallySpeaking the old dream of hands-free computing has finally become reality. Now let Dragon NaturallySpeaking For Dummies show you how to give your Dragon wings and make it soar.

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This book was written to help the average user with techniques, hints, etc, for learning to use the Dragon. However, it was written, in 1999, for Dragon NaturallySpeaking version 4! The current version is Dragon NaturallySpeaking 8.0, which is quite advanced. There have been so many improvements in Dragon Naturally Speaking, since the book was written, that much of the information has become quite dated, and much-needed newer information is, of course, not included. I bought this book unknowingly, when I was using version 7.0, and it did not address my needs. Until they update this book, or write a new one, I would suggest buying a different book. Spend your \$20 on something that will be useful!

This book is seven years old. It was written for version 4.0. We are now up to 9.0. Avoid it.

I still consider this book excellent. NaturallySpeaking no matter which version can be challenging. I believe there will be confusion though if this book is used for other than version 4. There are many changes since then. With all speech recognition failure will happen unless you do the following: 1. Computer specifications about double of what is recommended. 2. Computers have been prepared using original CD's to load the operating system. 3. Vocabularies are pre-populated with words and phrases from previous documents. 4. The starting pace of the person's voice is determined. If the above is done, the user can enjoy close to 100% accuracy.

This book refers to version 4 of the Dragon Naturally Speaking program. The current version is number 9, and is very significantly different from version 4. I don't know why this book is being offered for sale. Do not buy it.

If you have purchased Dragon 10 this book is of little or no help. It was written for Version 4.

The book is 11 years old, and written for Dragon Naturally Speaking version 4. The current of Dragon Naturally Speaking is version 10.1. There are enormous differences between the 11 year old version and the current one. Very significant improvements in the software. The book is useless; obsolete beyond belief.

Great book if you have the very old version 4. Dragon naturally Speaking is up to version 9.5 and has changed drastically since this book was printed.

I have trained Dragon products for six years. I have waited for a comprehensive book for my clients after the initial training is completed. This book is excellent and will do just that. It is also for the person who would like to train themselves. It gives an objective view of speech recognition, and does not lower the person's expectations, rather puts them in perspective. Excellent for everyone.

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