

Press Information

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PHILIPS PAVES WAY FOR SPEECH RECOGNITION WITH RELEASE OF SPEECHEXEC^{SR} PRO

- *Dictation management platform now seamlessly connects with Dragon NaturallySpeaking Professional Series Editions from Nuance*
- *Users can control entire speech processing workflow within one single application*
- *High-level automation to boost dictation efficiency*

Vienna, Austria - Royal Philips Electronics (AEX: PHI, NYSE: PHG), the market leader in professional dictation, transcription and workflow management solutions, today released SpeechExec^{SR} Pro, the latest version of the company's digital dictation management platform. SpeechExec^{SR} Pro provides a seamless interface to the market leading speech recognition software Dragon NaturallySpeaking, making speech recognition easy and straight-forward.

"The working preferences of dictation users are extremely varied. They range from PC dictation and online speech recognition to sophisticated, mobile dictation on PDAs. At Philips we want to make the choice of workflow a matter of profound simplicity, allowing users to define for themselves when, how and to what extent they apply speech recognition within their daily work. They can now make this choice within one single platform: SpeechExec^{SR} Pro," says Thomas Brauner, Category Leader for Philips Speech Processing.

SpeechExec^{SR} Pro is a future-proof, one-stop solution that allows users to flexibly upgrade to speech recognition at any time. Users of Nuance's Dragon NaturallySpeaking in turn can expand their speech recognition software with a professional dictation management workflow designed to boost efficiency and productivity in modern law firms, hospitals, insurance companies and all documentation-intensive businesses.

As simple as dictation itself

SpeechExec^{SR} Pro is a dictation management platform which unites workflow features, dictation recording devices, transcription features and now speech recognition in one seamless solution. This approach has several user benefits:

- SpeechExec^{SR} Pro allows users to add Dragon NaturallySpeaking at any time, ensuring a future-proof investment and maximum control over the timing and dimension of speech recognition application. No changes to the existing workflow software have to be made; complex integration procedures are redundant.
- By supporting both digital dictation and speech recognition workflows, SpeechExec^{SR} Pro gives users the freedom to work the way they want. To make things even easier, secretaries do not need to have a speech recognition application installed on their PC to be able to edit recognised text.
- Secretaries can download dictation files to the speech recognition system and edit the recognised text – which means less typing and greater productivity.

- The dictation profiles of the authors are adapted, even if the secretary edits the recognised text. This constantly improves individual recognition accuracy.
- Users can pre-define document templates to be completed through speech recognition for instant document creation.
- The seamless integration of Philips dictation recording devices guarantees superb audio quality, high recognition accuracy and easy hardware administration. It allows for a high level of workflow automation, e.g. by performing speech recognition after file download from the Philips Digital Pocket Memo.

For Dragon NaturallySpeaking Professional Series Editions users who have not yet had the pleasure of working with a dictation management and workflow solution, SpeechExec^{SR} Pro delivers a new document creation experience:

- SpeechExec^{SR} Pro allows Dragon NaturallySpeaking users to efficiently manage large dictation volumes, thus helping their businesses to reduce costs and streamline processes.
- Speech recognition is bolstered by advanced workflow features for speech recording, document creation, editing, correction, file handling and assignment of meta data or commentaries to files – all within one single application.
- Automatic download and routing of sound files from the Philips Digital Pocket Memo reduces handling time to a minimum.
- Familiar and intuitive user interface makes adaptation for new users easy and straight-forward.
- Users of Dragon's "customisable global commands" will be able to continue working in the usual way, as these commands are fully supported by SpeechExec^{SR} Pro.

SpeechExec^{SR} Pro Dictate will be available as a standalone software package or as part of dictation bundles with SpeechMike Air or the Digital Pocket Memo 9600 and 9500 Series. SpeechExec^{SR} Pro Transcribe will be bundled with the foot control and headset or is also available as a standalone software package. SpeechExec^{SR} Pro supports Dragon NaturallySpeaking Professional Series Editions from Version 10 onwards. Users who bought a product containing SpeechExec Pro in 2010 will get the speech recognition interface free of charge throughout 2010.

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About Philips Speech Processing



For more than 50 years Philips Speech Processing has been the driving force in delivering dictation and speech technologies to users around the world. With its headquarters and production centre located in Vienna, Austria, Philips Speech Processing is the world's market leader in professional analogue and digital dictation solutions. From office-based desktop dictation to mobile dictation, from conference recording to entire workflow solutions with the SpeechExec software family, our products support every imaginable scenario. Revolutionary digital dictation products, such as the SpeechMike, the Digital Pocket Memo with Voice Commands, the Barcode Module and the LAN Docking Station are helping professionals to work more efficiently every day, in the easiest possible manner, entirely in keeping with Philips 'sense and simplicity' philosophy. For more information, visit: www.philips.com/dictation

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