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Speech Recognition in Mac OS X

The Speech Recognition feature in Mac OS X can be used to control the computer using your voice. To use this feature:


![Speech Recognition Pane](image)

2. In the Speech Recognition pane, select the On button next to Speakable Items.
3. Use the Microphone menu to select your microphone. Clicking on Calibrate will open a window where you can use the slider to adjust the microphone input level.
4. The default listening key is the Escape key. Click on Change Key to use a different listening key. When the popup window opens, press the desired listening key(s) and click on OK.
5. Choose a listening method. The options are to use the listening key you set up in Step 4 or to speak a phrase such as “Computer” before each command.

![Listening Method: (Options)](image)

6. Check the box next to “Speak command acknowledgement” to have the computer play a sound when a command is recognized. Use the menu to select the sound.

![Upon Recognition: (Options)](image)

When the Speech Recognition feature is active you will see a speech recognition control on your desktop. To issue a command, hold down the listening key while you speak the command, or say your keyword followed by the desired command.
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