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Alert Announcements in Mac OS X

You can set up your computer to use spoken alerts when a popup window opens or when an application requires your attention. These two settings are helpful if you have limited peripheral vision that could cause you to miss alerts that open outside of your range of vision.

To use spoken alerts:

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- 1. Choose Apple, System Preferences, Speech.

2. Select the Text to Speech pane.

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	Announce when an application requires your attention	
	Speak selected text when the key is pressed Set Key	
	To have clock announce the time: Open Date & Time Preferences	
	To change VoiceOver settings: Open Universal Access Preferences	?

3. Check the boxes next to "Announce when alerts are displayed" and "Announce when an application requires your attention."

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5. Select a Voice using the Voice pull down menu, and the phrase the computer will speak at the beginning of an alert from the Phrase menu, then use the slider to choose the Delay before the alert starts.

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6. Click on Play to preview your settings. When you're happy with your settings, click on OK.

For additional tutorials, please visit our website at http://etc.usf.edu/techease/4all/