

# Alternate Format Continuum

## Basic Features

| Technology | MP3 | Learning Ally(Audio only Daisy)  | Daisy | Rapid Reader – Speed Reading | Low-Cost Text to Speech SOFTWARE | Low-Cost Text to SpeechAPPS |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| User Interface | **Audio only**Convert text into audio format using program Text Aloud. Student can select voice and speed (see list)**Pro**: Portable**Con**: Difficult to navigate, computer voice | **Audio only****Pro**: Real voice, easy to navigate**Con**: Membership fee required annually – check for eligibility. Audio only – no text Requires use of a Daisy Player software, hardware or app.  | **Visual display and audio****Pro:** Easy to navigate. Audio + visual display. Daisy files available to those who qualify for Bookshare.**Con:** Requires use of a Daisy Player software, hardware or app.  | **Visual Speed Reading Software** **Pro:** Rapid Serial Visual Presentation (RSVP)**Con:** No Audio,Costs money for Pro Version if not using on campus | **Audio and Visual display of text**Text to Speech, Highlights as it reads**Pro**: Free/low cost, on student’s personal computer. \*CAR supports MathML**Con**: Computer voice, limited features | **Audio and Visual display of text**Text to Speech, Highlights as it reads**Pro**: Free/low cost, on student’s personal mobile device**Con**: Computer voice, limited features |
| Voice | Computer  | Real Voice  | Computer | Computer | Computer | Computer  |
| Readable Formats  |  .mp3  | .daisy  | .daisy | .doc, .txt,.r2d,PDFCopy from clipboard | .doc, PDF, .txt\*MathML - CAR | PDF, .doc, .rtf, .html |
| Players  | Windows Media, I Tunes, Personal Mp3 Player | Daisy Players, Easy Reader, Link**iOS apps** –Learning Ally, Read2Go**Android apps –** GoRead, Learning Ally | Daisy Players, Easy Reader, etc. **iOS apps** – Read2Go, Voice of Daisy, **Android apps -** GoRead | Rapid Reader\* Equivalents available – Spritz, Spreeder, Flash Reader (iOS), Speed Reader (Android) | Built-ins, Natural Reader, Ghost Reader, Balabolka, Central Access Reader (CAR) | **iOS:** vBookz, Voice Dream Reader, ClaroSpeak, ClaroPDF, Built-ins**Android:** ezPDF Reader |
| Location | Portable | Portable, On Campus | Portable, On Campus | On CampusFree version available | On personal computer/device, on campus | On portable mobile device |



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## Comparison of Advanced Features – WYNN, Read & Write, Kurzweil 3000

|  | Shared Features |
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| Reading | * Text-to-speech
* Highlighting text during audio
* Speed adjustment
* Create audio files of text
* Reads internet browsers
* Optical character recognition (OCR)
* DAISY support
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| Writing | * Dictionary
* Thesaurus
* Word prediction
* Spell checkers
* Homophone finders
* Foreign language support
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| Study Tools | * Multi-color highlighting
* Annotations
* Audio/voice notes
* Generate outlines from text
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| Visual Display | * Background and other color changes
* Text magnification
* Text and highlighting color options
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|  | WYNN | Read & Write | Kurzweil 3000 |
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| Unique Features | * Exact or text view display
* Enhanced screen masking, font, color, and spacing
* Skim reading feature
* Bookmarks, sticky notes
* Web annotations and masking
* Notecards
 | * Single word display while reading
* Vocab list
* Screen shot reader
* Speech Input/dictation (Windows version only)
* Concept mapping
* Web annotations
* Screen overlay option
* Fact Finder/Folder
* iPad app for web reading
 | * Bookmarks, sticky notes
* Concept mapping
* Firefly – web/mobile access
* Image Reader
* Column and Foot Notes
* Zone Editor
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| Notable Limitations | * No concept mapping
* Not available for personal computers
* Involved format conversion process (to Wynn format)
 | Missing features for Mac version:* Speech Input
* Limited screen

masking options | * Involved format conversion process (PDF to kes)
* Missing Mac features – background color change, Image Reader
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| Voice | Computer  | Computer  | Computer |
| Readable Formats  |  Wynn files, PDF, .docRead the web with WYNN browser | .doc and PDFReads IE, Chrome, Safarited features with Ps with PDaisy |  PDF, .kes.doc – formatting is offReads Firefox and IE |
| Players  | Within WYNN program | Floating Tool-bar | Within Kurzweil Program |
| Location | On campus only | On Campus, Free installation on personal computer  | On Campus, Free installation on personal  |