



Interact-AS™

Professional Edition

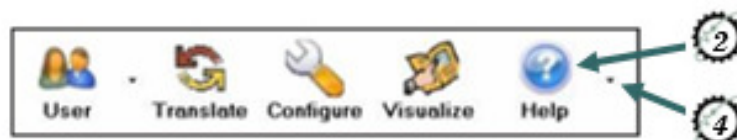


Quick Start Guide


Thank you for purchasing Interact-AS™ Professional Edition®. This *Quick Start Guide* gives you all the information you need to install and start using Interact-AS. Most people simply use the information in this Quick Start Guide and they're ready to start *Interacting*. If you'd like to learn more about Interact-AS's many features, additional information can be found at the following locations:

- 1 The *Introduction to Using Interact-AS™* video is a great way to learn how you can start *interacting* the right way, right away. To view the video with closed captioning, please go to the Products Page of www.auditorysciences.com and click on the [View Demos and Videos](#) link located on the right column of that page.

- 2 To read the complete *Interact-AS User Guide*, simply click on the  button.



- 3 To print your own copy of *Interact-AS's User Guide*, go to the Support Page of Auditory Sciences parent firm, which is www.speechgear.com/support.aspx. This Support Page also has the latest version of this Quick Start Guide plus answers to many Frequently Asked Questions.

- 4 During the installation, ten chapters of *Video Tutorials* are automatically placed on your computer. These take you from getting started to advanced features such as using *Interact-AS's* hands-free interface. To view these videos, click on the drop down arrow that is located just to the right of the  button, as is shown in the figure above.

- 5 Auditory Sciences also offers low cost webinars where you will be able to talk directly with someone on the development team to learn about all the features of your software. Just send a note to support@auditorysciences.com and we'll be glad to help you sign up for one of these sessions.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We'll be glad to help. We can be contacted by sending an email to support@auditorysciences.com or by giving us a call at 507-645-8924.



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Step 1: Installation and Set Up

To begin using Interact-AS you first need to install the software and configure the microphone that you will be using. This will take about 15 minutes to do, plus perhaps up to 30 minutes to download your software. To complete your installation you will need your Activation Code and Serial Number. If you do not have these, please contact Auditory Sciences and we will be glad to assist.


- (1) Log onto your computer using an account that has system administration privileges and close all applications that may be running.
- (2) Open an internet browser on your computer and go to the following link and follow the shown instructions:

http://www.speechgear.com/eng/AS_Installation.html

- (3) You should always use an external microphone whenever you are *Interacting*. If you need a specialized microphone such as a wireless system, please contact Auditory Sciences and we'll be glad to assist you in selecting one that best meets your needs. Use the following steps to set up your microphone.
 - a) Open the **Control Panel > Hardware and Sound** page and click on **Manage Audio Devices** option, and then the **Recording** tab.
 - b) Plug the **Pure Audio USB adapter** into your computer. When you do that you will see *Andrea PureAudio USB-SA* listed as a Recording device.
 - c) Make the *Andrea PureAudio USB-SA* your computer's default device, and then right-click and disable all other microphone options shown.
 - d) On the **Playback** tab, choose the output speakers that you will be using and click **Set Default**.

USER TIP: Always remember to plug your *Pure Audio USB adapter* into your computer before starting Interact-AS.

USER TIP: The **Pink** port of the USB port is for your microphone, you can use the **Green** port to connect a hearing aid, cochlear implant, or an external speaker to your Interact-AS system.



- (4) Additional information on installing *Interact-AS* and setting up your microphone is located in the *Troubleshooting Devices* in the *Getting Started* chapter of the User Guide. You can also make sure that your microphone is working by going to the **Configure > Speech Recognition** tab and selecting the  icon.

Step 2: Getting Started


- (1) **Plug in your Microphone** – Always remember to plug your microphone into the computer before starting Interact-AS™.
- (2) **Start Interact-AS** by double clicking on the Interact icon that's located on your desktop.
- (3) **Registering Your Software** – To activate Interact-AS you may need to connect to the internet. If you have a firewall you may get a communication error when you attempt this connection. Please talk to your network administrator to arrange to temporarily relax the firewall.
 - a) When asked, enter your 9-character Activation Key.
 - b) For a trial period click the **TRY** button.
 - c) When you are ready to install your permanent license, click the **REGISTER** button and enter your Serial Number into the textbox.



Step 3: Creating User Accounts


A **User Account** should be created for each speaker (such as, each teacher or co-worker that will be using Interact-AS™). The User Account remembers that individual's preferred settings. Examples include the Voice Profile to be loaded and the transcription settings. If you have added language modules to your system, then the desired language pair is also saved in each User Account. All of these items are automatically loaded each time you tell Interact-AS which account to use. To create a User Account, click on the  icon in the Navigation Bar (see the picture on page one of this guide), and then click on the  button (it is located near the bottom of the User Page) and follow the onscreen instructions. Here are some additional suggestions for User Accounts.

- (1) **Select a common format** to follow in naming your User Accounts.

[your name] – [the second speaker's name] – [the language the speaker will use]
- (2) **Voice Profiles.** Each person that will be speaking should create their own voice profile. To create a voice profile, click on the  **Add** button and follow the onscreen instructions. If you do not have the ability to speak, then use the dropdown box to select **none**, or if the person does not have the opportunity to create a voice profile, then choose the **untrained** option.
- (3) **If You Have More than One Microphone** attached to your computer then as part of setting up the account Interact-AS will ask which microphone will be used. Select your external microphone, not the one built into your computer. You can later change this selection by going to Interact's *Configure > Speech Recognition* page.
- (4) **Each Person's Voice is Unique.** Every time a person speaks into Interact-AS the software becomes better at understanding what the individual is saying. This means you should not simply hand the microphone to another person and have them use someone else's Voice Profile. Instead, create a new User Account for that person and have them create their own voice profile.

Step 4: Start Interacting

Interact-AS instantly translates whatever is said, typed, or written. The **Navigation Bar** ① is used to select the Page you want to view. The **Transcription Box** ② is used by the individual who is deaf or hard-of-hearing, the **Control Box** ③ is for individuals who will be speaking, and the **Transcription Box** ④ contains a transcript of the entire conversation and also displays your **Favorites Lists**.

- (1) Load a User Account by first using the **Navigation Bar** to go to the  page and then double clicking on the desired account.
- (2) To translate whatever you **type**, place your cursor into the **Transcription Box** and simply type the phrase you want translated.
- (3) To translate whatever you **write**, place your cursor into the **Transcription Box**, select the inking icon that appears, and start writing using your stylus.
- (4) To translate whatever someone **says**, click the **Microphone Icon** ⑤ to tell Interact-AS to start listening to the person's speech. The sound meter shows that the microphone is working.
- (5) When you're finished inputting a phrase, click on the **Translate** ⑥ button. For closed captioning of conversations, use the Navigation Bar to go to the *Configure > User Options* page and turn on the *AutoTranslate* feature.



Some Tips on Using Interact-AS

Remember that Interact-AS is continually optimizing its speech engines to recognize voices. The more a person uses it, the better the recognition rate will become. Here are some additional tips to keep in mind when you are *Interacting*.

- (1) **Read the User Guide and View the Instructional Tutorials.** See the first page of this Quick Start Guide for information on viewing these items.
- (2) **For Tablet PCs, dock the writing pad** at the top or bottom of the screen by selecting the Tool tab. This will always keep the writing pad open for use.
- (3) **For people using the speech recognition feature, tell them to speak clearly** at a normal rate, not too fast, not too slowly. (It may take a few phrases for the speech recognition to work. This only happens the first time you launch Interact-AS. Subsequent times will be faster.)
- (4) **When someone is speaking, tell them to think about the phrase before they say it** – this will reduce the frequency of “umms” and “ahhs” that may be part of their normal speech.
- (5) **People should speak in complete sentences** instead of sentence fragments.

