



# Interact-AS™

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## Professional Edition Thirty Day Trial Version

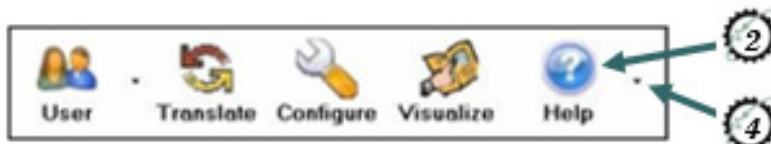


## Quick Start Guide


Thank you for evaluating 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](http://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 additional copies of this **Quick Start Guide**, go to the Support Page of Auditory Sciences parent firm, which is <http://speechgear.info/support-our-products>. This Support Page also has 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 You can also set up a **tutorial and demonstration session** just for you and your team. This is a free service that's available Monday through Friday between 8am and 6pm Central Time. Typically these session take about 20 to 30 minutes. To arrange your own session, just give us a call at 507-645-8924 or send an email to [support@auditorysciences.com](mailto:support@auditorysciences.com).



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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](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 external microphone into your computer. When you do that you will see a new item listed as a Recording device.
  - c) Make that new listing your computer's default device, and then right-click on all the other options shown and disable them.
  - 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 external microphone into your computer before starting Interact-AS.

**USER TIP:** If you are using a USB adapter, the **Pink** port is for your microphone and 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  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 **Display Box** ② is where the most recently spoken sentence is shown and where a non-verbal person types sentences to be spoken aloud, 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 **PhraseBuilder™ 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 and have Interact-AS speak aloud whatever you **type** or **write**, place your cursor into the **Display Box** and simply enter the phrase you want translated.
- (3) To translate or caption 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.



- (4) 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.
- (5) You can save transcripts of your conversations using the **Save** icon that's located on the right edge of the **Transcription Box**. The default .CIL formatting includes a synchronized audio recording where you can simply highlight any portion of the transcript and then play back an audio recording of what the person was saying at that moment. You can also save transcripts in Microsoft Word® formats by using the .RTF option, and in Notepad or Google Doc formats by using the .TXT format.

## 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) **View the Instructional Tutorials.** See the first page of this Quick Start Guide for information on viewing these items.
- (2) **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.)
- (3) **For Questions** send an email to [support@auditorysciences.com](mailto:support@auditorysciences.com) or call 507-645-8924.

