Dragon Naturally Speaking is speech recognition software that allows users to control their computer with voice commands.

To begin Dragon carefully follow the screen prompts and Dragon will assist you with setting up your own voice profile including:

- A username
- Your country location and accent
- Which audio device you are using (i.e. headphones with a microphone)
- A quick sample of your voice

The red circle in the center is the microphone button. Red means Dragon is not listening for your voice. Click the button and it will turn green. Dragon is now ready for your dictation.

Take some time to click on each of the tool bar options to see all of Dragon’s functions.

**Dragon Bar:** Customize the Dragon tool bar

**Profile:** Manage, edit and add user profiles

**Tools:** Transcribe recordings, add new commands, and open Dragon Pad

**Vocabulary:** Import/add new phrases and words, edit vocabulary

**Audio:** Text read back, word training

**Learning Center**

If the Learning Center does not appear automatically on the screen you can activate it by clicking ‘Help’ and navigating to ‘Learning Center.’ Take a look at some of the other features found in the help files.
The ‘Learning Centre’ automatically adjusts to the program you are currently using. If you are using Word the voice commands to navigate that program will appear. Note the ‘Learning Centre’ has different expandable menus depending on the action you would like Dragon to take. Command tabs include ‘Dictating,’ ‘Navigating,’ ‘Editing,’ and ‘Controlling.’

Here is an example of the ‘Desktop’ Learning Centre and some basic commands to get you started. Note that you can open any program simply by saying “open (program name)” or “start (program name)” i.e. ‘open Word,’ or ‘start Word.’
The Desktop or File Explorer has the focus. You can say:

- stop listening
- wake up
- Learning Center thinner
- open Windows Explorer
- open Start menu
- press Windows key
- show desktop
- move (up | left) <n>
- press Enter
- mouse double-click
- switch to previous window
- list all windows
- open Accuracy Center
- search the web for...
- search help for...

Get started and use the **Help** button to find excellent tutorials and support.