

Steps for Changing a Microphone

Changes to Dragon may inadvertently compromise your favorite voice file. Always complete the necessary voice file backup/exporting procedures for your particular version of Dragon before updating your system, your hardware, or other programs.

When changing a microphone, sound card, or other hardware that may impact Dragon, always complete the built-in Audio Wizard. Some hardware updates may not be compatible, so additional changes—including the possibility of creating a new voice file—may be required.

If your old and new microphone are from the same manufacturer and are plugged into the same jack/port—then you have a reasonably good chance of having little to no trouble “swapping out” the old for a new microphone. Here are the steps we use:

1. Make sure Dragon is not open
2. Carefully remove the old microphone and note the jack/port used
3. Connect the new microphone in the same spot
4. Load Dragon
5. If prompted, you may be automatically prompted to work through the Audio Setup wizard.
6. If not prompted, then complete these steps—
7. Click TOOLS
8. Click ACCURACY CENTER
9. Click CHECK YOUR AUDIO SETTINGS
10. Read the passages Dragon presents
11. Close the ACCURACY CENTER
12. Save your voice file

Note the “Speech to Noise Ratio” (SNR) noted at the end of these steps. Anything within 15-30 is acceptable. Anything over 20 on a laptop is great.

To RENAME a voice file:

Click NATURALLYSPEAKING
Click MANAGE USERS
Click (highlight) the voice file to rename
Click RENAME
Type in a new name and press ENTER

