Setup Speech Recognition

Voice recognition can be used to control the computer. Commands can be spoken that the computer will respond to. It is also possible to dictate text to the computer. Before Speech Recognition can be started, the computer needs to be setup. There are three important steps that need to be done before Speech Recognition can be used. These are to set up the microphone, learn how to talk to the computer, and to train the computer to understand the speech.

START SPEECH RECOGNITION

✦ Click the Start Button.
✦ Click the Control Panel link.
✦ In the View by list, select Small Icons.

✦ Click the Speech Recognition link.
✦ The Speech Recognition window will display (see illustration).

NOTE: It is also possible to start Screen Reader by typing Screen Reader into the Search box on the Start Menu and then clicking the Screen Reader link at the top of the Start Menu.
SET UP THE MICROPHONE

† In the Speech Recognition Window, click the Set up Microphone link.
† Follow the instructions in the Wizard.

NOTE: It is important to use the proper type of microphone for Speech Recognition. The two most common types are Headset Microphones and Desktop Microphones. According to the documentation, Headset Microphones are the best option for this task. This is because they are less prone to picking up extraneous sounds.

LEARN HOW TO TALK TO THE COMPUTER

This step includes a tutorial that helps teach the commands used with Speech Recognition. This tutorial should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. To run the Speech Recognition Tutorial, follow the steps below.

† In the Speech Recognition Window, click the Take Speech Tutorial link.
† Follow the instructions in the Wizard.

TRAIN THE COMPUTER TO RECOGNIZE YOUR SPEECH

This feature uses a unique Voice Profile to recognize your voice and spoken commands. As Speech Recognition is used, the Voice Profile gets more detailed. This should improve the computer’s ability to understand your speech pattern.

† In the Speech Recognition Window, click the Train your computer to better understand you link.
† Follow the instructions in the Wizard.

For a list of Common Speech Recognition Commands, click the appropriate document on this Web page.