

## PDF Aloud

PDF Aloud is a plug-in for Adobe Acrobat Reader, which allows PDFs to be read aloud. While Adobe Acrobat Reader 7 also has this facility, PDF Aloud reads more effectively and has a range of customisable options to improve your reading experience.

You do not need to load Read & Write Gold 8 in order to use PDF Aloud – simply open your PDF document to begin.

## Using PDF Aloud

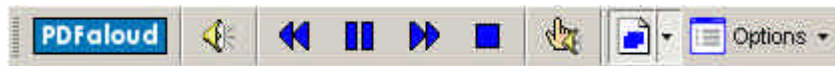


Click the **Read current word, sentence or paragraph** button to start reading.



Click **Stop all speech** to stop reading.

The PDF Aloud toolbar is straightforward – just hover your mouse over a button to see what it does. You can also use key combinations to control it if you prefer.



Read current word, sentence or paragraph. **Ctrl + Alt + y.**



Read previous word, sentence or paragraph. **Ctrl + Alt + <.**



Pause speech. **Ctrl + Alt + u.**



Read next word, sentence or paragraph. **Ctrl + Alt + >.**

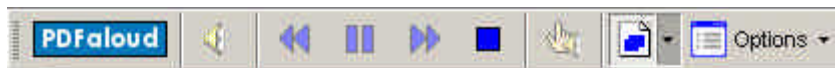


Stop speech. **Ctrl + Alt + o.**

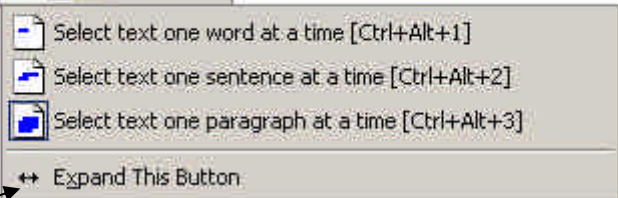


**Click and Speak.** **Ctrl + Alt + c.**

The **Click and Speak** tool is particularly useful – click the icon then just click on an area of text you want to have read aloud. When you want it to stop reading, simply click outside of the text.

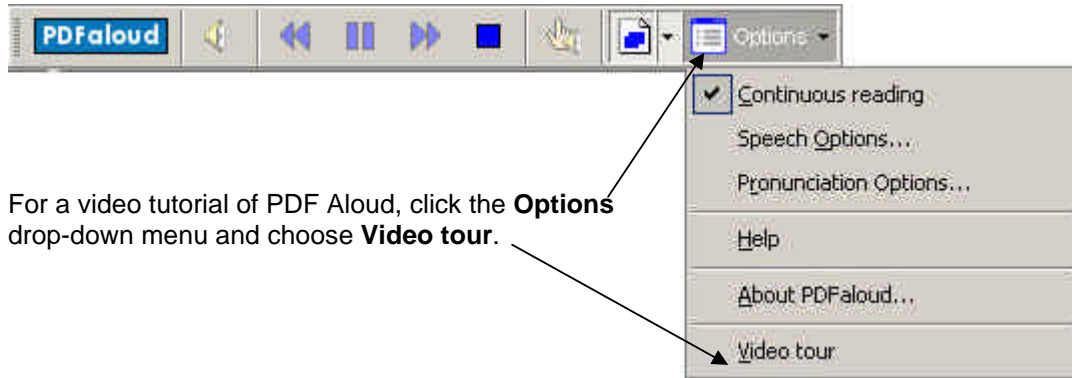


You can also set PDF Aloud to read text in blocks of one word, one sentence, or one paragraph at a time. This can be helpful for splitting up the sounds of the words.



Click the **Expand This Button** option to put these buttons in the main toolbar, so you can swap between them easily.

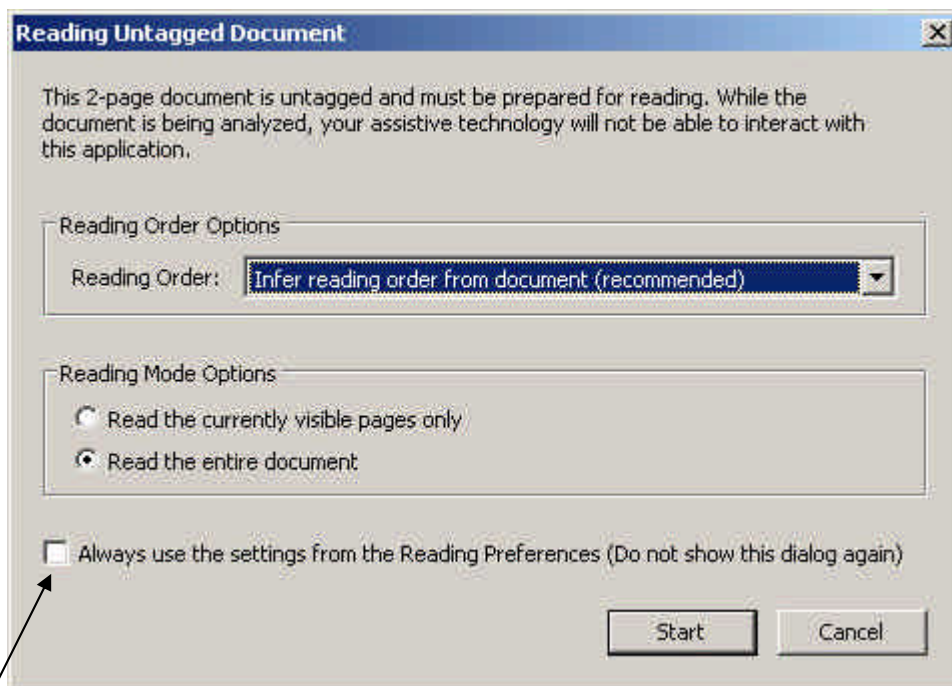




For a video tutorial of PDF Aloud, click the **Options** drop-down menu and choose **Video tour**.

### Potential Problems

If Read & Write Gold 8 is already open when you open a PDF document, you may get a message about reading an untagged document. PDF Aloud will then offer you its default settings of **Infer reading order from document (recommended)** and **Read the entire document**. Do not change these settings.



To make sure you don't get this message again, click inside the **Always use the settings from Reading Preferences (Do not show this dialog again)** box.

Then click the **Start** button.