

# HomeVoice™ 2.3 Release Notes

HomeVoice™ 2.3 documentation is now provided in PDF format and may be accessed using Adobe Acrobat Reader. Adobe Acrobat Reader 4.05 is provided as part of the HomeVoice™ product CD. The HomeVoice™ installation process can install it. Just select the "Install Acrobat Reader" from the last screen of the installation process and it will be installed if you do not already have the software. If you have an earlier version of the software installed it must be removed from the system prior to installation of the new version or the new version will have to be reinstalled after the earlier version is removed from the system.

To install Adobe Acrobat Reader 4.05 at a later time, from the **Start** button select **Run...**, enter **X:\HomeVoice\Acroread\Installers\Acrd4enu.exe** where **X** is the drive letter for your CD drive where the HomeVoice™ CD is loaded. Then click on **OK** and the installer will install the software.

With HomeVoice™ 2.3 the full functionality of the Verbex Listen™ program is provided. All attempts have been made to support simultaneous operations of HomeVoice™ and Listen™. If you encounter problems or have questions regarding the Listen™ product please refer to the Listen Users Guide which is provided in PDF format on the CD and is installed in your installation directory. It can be access from the HomeVoice™ program group after installation. For questions regarding HomeVoice™ 2.3 refer to the HomeVoice™ Users Guide which can also be access from the HomeVoice™ program group. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the two documents the document covering the specific application should be followed. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Listen™ has problems switching between different parts of the Microsoft operating system applications such as My Computer, Network Neighborhood, Recycle Bin, etc... and Microsoft Internet Explorer as these applications are somewhat hidden from Listen for Windows™. Results will vary between operating systems. Most other applications should work correctly. Please consult the Listen User's Guide on the CD for more information.*

The speech synthesizer only functions with HomeVoice™ it does not function with the Listen™ product. However if HomeVoice™ is running and you are controlling other applications with Listen™ you may hear output from the synthesizer or HomeVoice™ if it "recognizes" something as a HomeVoice™ command.

There are some know problems with the Listen Command Editor when using the extensions for HomeVoice™. If you make a lot of changes when using the HomeVoice™ extensions save changes frequently and rebuild often. The following are know problems and should be avoided if possible, they will be corrected in a later version.

1. If making modifications to an existing command where the existing keystrokes are to be deleted. Do not delete the existing keystrokes until the new commands have been added and you are back to the main phrase window.
2. If you edit a phrase and then, in the same session before the rebuild, go back to edit it again. If you cancel out the second time the command may become corrupted and cause the rebuild to fail.

If you would like to view grammars for different controllers they may be found on the installation CD in the root directory with the extension (.grm). There are also example grammars for several applications. They are provided in compressed format (.crm and .cec). If you would like to use these grammars copy the (.crm and .cec file for the applications of interest into the LFW40 sub-directory. Create a new user, then copy the grammar files from the new users directory into your user directory. See the users guide for more information on copying users grammars. These grammars are provided for reference, it is recommended that you use the Listen Command editor to build new speech interfaces for your applications as these examples are for earlier version of the applications and are not version current.

Listen Command Editor Problems with NT, 2000 and XP.

In our desire to get support for these operating systems available to our users we were unable to get the Command Editor updated in a timely fashion. Therefore there is a problem between the Listen Command Editor for use with HomeVoice™ and the Windows on Windows emulation software of NT, 2000 and XP. This causes some of the editing commands available using the right mouse or edit menu to not function properly. You will see wow and Ice as processes but the Ice window will never display. The work around is to always use the command editor for editing commands when using NT,2000 and XP.

A problem has been noticed but unresolved as of yet, where the command editor may cause a system hang or require a reboot to regain functionality. This has been seen on occasions where the command editor is getting much use and 6 or 7 rebuilds have been performed. The reboot of the system clears the problem.

**Change in the way HomeVoice™ handles two-way-X10** from Version 2,0 for HomeISA™, CM11A, Houselinc and JDS controllers. See Appendix A of the HomeVoice™ User's Guide for details of X10 external event handling. With this change you can separate the responses for spoken phrases from those for external X10 events.

**Adding Switch to command for 2.0 upgrade users** for use with HomeVoicePC: Create a new phrase with the command editor; **Spoken Phrase:** switch to %SWITCH\_TO\_LIST **Keystroke:** "\$e"%SWITCH\_TO\_LIST "\$" .

### **HomeISA™ is not Supported on Microsoft Windows NT, 2000 and XP Operating Systems**

This file is included on the CD as a PDF file and in ASCII text format, ReleaseNotes.pdf and ReleaseNotes.txt respectively.