Text-to-speech program

Task 1

1. Program Descriptions and user requirements

1.1 Program Description

The program will have a simple user interface that allows users to enter the text they want to be read aloud. This text can be typed directly into the program, or it can be pasted from another source such as a document or webpage.

Once the text has been entered, the user can initiate the text-to-speech conversion by clicking a button or selecting an option from a menu.

The program will use text-to-speech technology to convert the input text into audio output. This technology uses algorithms to analyze the text and generate synthesized speech that sounds natural and human-like.

The audio output can be played through the computer's speakers or headphones, allowing the user to listen to the text being read aloud.

In addition to basic text-to-speech conversion, the program may also include advanced features such as the ability to adjust the speaking rate and Volume of the audio output. This can be helpful for users who want to slow down or speed up the speaking rate, or who want to change the tone of the voice.

The program may also allow users to select from different languages or voices. This can be useful for language learners who want to hear text read aloud in a foreign language, or for users who prefer a specific voice or accent.

Overall, the text-to-speech program is designed to provide an easy and accessible way for users to have text read aloud to them, helping to improve their reading skills or language learning experience.

- The text-to-speech program can be useful for a wide range of users, including people with reading difficulties or disabilities, language learners, and anyone who wants to listen to text being read aloud for any reason.

- The program may include options for users to save the audio output, allowing them to listen to the text being read aloud multiple times or at their convenience.

- The program may also include features such as text highlighting, which synchronizes the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen. This can be helpful for users who want to follow along with the text as it is being read aloud.

- In addition to reading text aloud, the program may also include other text-to-speech functionality, such as the ability to convert text to audio files that can be saved and played on other devices.

- The program may also include options for users to customize the appearance and layout of the user interface, such as changing the font size or color scheme. This can be helpful for users with visual impairments or who prefer a specific look and feel.

- Overall, the text-to-speech program is a versatile and user-friendly tool that can help a wide range of users improve their reading skills, learn languages, and access text in a convenient and accessible way.

1.2 User requirements

The program should be easy to use, with a simple and intuitive user interface: The user interface should be straightforward and easy to navigate, with clear instructions and well-labeled buttons or options. This will help users quickly understand how to use the program and get started with text-to-speech conversion.

The program should be able to convert text to speech in a variety of languages: The program should support a wide range of languages, so that users can have text read aloud

in their preferred language. This can be particularly useful for language learners or people who need to access text in a language they are not fluent in.

The program should allow users to adjust the speaking rate and Volume of the audio output: The program should provide options for users to control the speed at which the text is read aloud, as well as the Volume or tone of the voice. This can be helpful for users who want to slow down or speed up the speaking rate, or who want to change the tone of the voice to better suit their preferences.

The program should allow users to select from different voices or accents: The program should offer a variety of voices or accents for users to choose from, so that they can select the one that best suits their needs or preferences. This can be useful for language learners who want to hear text read aloud in a specific accent, or for users who simply prefer a certain voice or accent.

The program should allow users to save the audio output for later listening: The program should provide options for users to save the audio output, either as an audio file or in some other format. This will allow users to listen to the text being read aloud multiple times or at their convenience.

The program should synchronize the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen (text highlighting): The program should highlight the text being read aloud as the audio output plays, so that users can follow along with the text as it is being read. This can be particularly useful for users who are trying to improve their reading skills or who want to closely follow the text as it is being read aloud.

The program should allow users to convert text to audio files that can be saved and played on other devices: The program should provide options for users to convert the audio output to a format that can be saved and played on other devices, such as a smartphone or mp3 player. This will allow users to access the audio output even when they are not using the text-to-speech program.

The program should allow users to customize the appearance and layout of the user interface: The program should provide options for users to customize the appearance and layout of the user interface, such as changing the font size or color scheme. This can be helpful for users with visual impairments or who prefer a specific look and feel.

The program should be compatible with a variety of devices and operating systems: The program should be compatible with a range of devices and operating systems, so that users can access it on their preferred platform. This could include desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and smartphones.

2, Problem statement

Many people have difficulty reading, whether due to physical or cognitive disabilities, or simply because they prefer to listen to text being read aloud. A text-to-speech program can help these users access written material in a convenient and accessible way.

Language learners often need to hear text read aloud in order to improve their listening comprehension and pronunciation skills. A text-to-speech program can provide an easy and convenient way for these users to access text in the language they are learning.

People with visual impairments or other disabilities may find it difficult to read text on a screen or in print. A text-to-speech program can help these users access written material by converting it to audio output that can be played through a computer or other device.

Many people simply prefer to listen to text being read aloud, whether for leisure or for work-related tasks. A text-to-speech program can provide a convenient way for these users to access written material in this way.

In general, the main problem that a text-to-speech program aims to solve is the need for an efficient and user-friendly way to convert text to speech and make it accessible to a wide range of users. A text-to-speech program can help users with reading difficulties, language learners, and anyone who wants to listen to text being read aloud to improve their reading skills, learn languages, and access written material in a convenient and accessible way.

Many people find it difficult to read for long periods of time due to physical discomfort or eye strain. A text-to-speech program can provide a convenient way for these users to access written material without having to spend as much time reading.

Some people may have limited mobility or dexterity, making it difficult for them to hold a book or navigate a computer screen. A text-to-speech program can provide an easy and accessible way for these users to access written material.

People who are blind or have low vision may have difficulty accessing written material in print or on a screen. A text-to-speech program can provide an alternative way for these users to access written material by converting it to audio output.

Many people find it difficult to concentrate on reading for long periods of time, especially when they are tired or distracted. A text-to-speech program can help these users stay focused and engaged by providing an alternative way to access written material.

Overall, a text-to-speech program can help a wide range of users overcome various challenges and barriers related to reading and accessing written material. By providing an efficient and user-friendly way to convert text to speech, a text-to-speech program can help users improve their reading skills, learn languages, and access written material in a convenient and accessible way.

3, Further Break down of problems into smaller , specific segments

1. Difficulty reading due to physical or cognitive disabilities:

    a. Provide an alternative way to access written material for people with physical or cognitive disabilities that make it difficult to read
    b. Allow users to adjust the speaking rate and Volume of the audio output to better suit their needs or preferences
    c. Allow users to select from different voices or accents to find the one that best suits their needs or preferences
2. Needs of language learners:

    a. Provide an easy and convenient way for language learners to access text in the language they are learning
    b. Allow users to adjust the speaking rate and Volume of the audio output to better suit their needs or preferences
    c. Allow users to select from different voices or accents to find the one that best suits their needs or preferences
3. Needs of people with visual impairments or other disabilities:

a. Provide an alternative way for people with visual impairments or other disabilities to access written material
b. Allow users to adjust the font size and color scheme of the user interface to better suit their needs or preferences

4. Preference for listening to text being read aloud:

    a. Provide a convenient way for people who prefer to listen to text being read aloud to access written material
    b. Allow users to adjust the speaking rate and Volume of the audio output to better suit their needs or preferences
    c. Allow users to select from different voices or accents to find the one that best suits their needs or preferences

5. Physical discomfort or eye strain when reading:

    a. Provide an alternative way for people who experience physical discomfort or eye strain when reading to access written material
    b. Allow users to adjust the speaking rate and Volume of the audio output to better suit their needs or preferences

6. Limited mobility or dexterity:

    a. Provide an easy and accessible way for people with limited mobility or dexterity to access written material
    b. Allow users to customize the appearance and layout of the user interface to better suit their needs or preferences

7. Needs of people who are blind or have low vision:

    a. Provide an alternative way for people who are blind or have low vision to access written material
    b. Allow users to adjust the font size and color scheme of the user interface to better suit their needs or preferences

8, Difficulty concentrating when reading:

    a) Provide an alternative way for people who find it difficult to concentrate when reading to access written material
    b) Allow users to adjust the speaking rate and Volume of the audio output to better suit their needs or preferences

c) Provide options for users to save the audio output for later listening, allowing them to listen to the text being read aloud multiple times or at their convenience

Overall, a text-to-speech program can help users overcome a wide range of challenges and barriers related to reading and accessing written material. By providing an efficient and user-friendly way to convert text to speech, the program can help users improve their reading skills, learn languages, and access written material in a convenient and accessible way.

4, Pseudo code for the planned program

full pseudo code for a text-to-speech program that includes options for adjusting the speaking rate, Volume, and voice, as well as saving the audio output, customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface, and synchronizing the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen:

```
function textToSpeech(text: string): void
    // Convert the input text to speech and play it through the computer's speakers

    // Set up the user interface, including a text input field, a button to initiate the text-to-speech
conversion, and options for adjusting the speaking rate, Volume, and voice, as well as saving the audio output, customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface, and synchronizing the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen
    setupUI()

    // Wait for the user to input text and initiate the text-to-speech conversion
    while (true)
        text = getTextInput()
        if (text != "")
            speakingRate = getSpeakingRate()
            Volume = getVolume()
            voice = getVoice()
            saveAudio = getSaveAudioOption()
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```
        customizeUI = getCustomizeUIOption()
        syncAudio = getSyncAudioOption()
        convertAndPlay(text, speakingRate, Volume, voice, saveAudio,
customizeUI, syncAudio)

function setupUI(): void
    // Set up the user interface, including a text input field, a button to initiate the
text-to-speech conversion, and options for adjusting the speaking rate, Volume,
and voice, as well as saving the audio output, customizing the appearance and
layout of the user interface, and synchronizing the audio output with the text being
displayed on the screen

        function getTextInput(): string
            // Get the text input from the user

        function getSpeakingRate(): float
            // Get the desired speaking rate from the user

        function getVolume(): float
            // Get the desired Volume from the user

        function getVoice(): string
            // Get the desired voice from the user

        function getSaveAudioOption(): bool
            // Get the user's preference for saving the audio output

        function getCustomizeUIOption(): bool
            // Get the user's preference for customizing the appearance and layout of
        the user interface

        function getSyncAudioOption(): bool
            // Get the user's preference for synchronizing the audio output with the
        text being displayed on the screen

        function convertAndPlay(text: string, speakingRate: float, Volume: float,
        voice: string, saveAudio: bool, customizeUI: bool, syncAudio: bool): void
```

```
        // Convert the input text to speech using the specified speaking rate, Volume, and voice, and play it through the computer's speakers
        // If the user has selected the option to save the audio output, save the audio to a file
        // If the user has selected the option to customize the appearance and layout of the user interface, apply the desired changes
    // If the user has selected the option to synchronize the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen, highlight the text as it is being read aloud
    audio = convert(text, speakingRate, Volume, voice)
    if (saveAudio)
        save(audio)
    if (customizeUI)
        customizeUI()
    if (syncAudio)
        highlightText(text)
    play(audio)

function convert(text: string, speakingRate: float, Volume: float, voice: string): Audio
    // Convert the input text to speech using the specified speaking rate, Volume, and voice, and return the resulting audio

function save(audio: Audio): void
    // Save the input audio to a file

function customizeUI(): void
    // Apply the desired changes to the appearance and layout of the user interface

function highlightText(text: string): void
    // Highlight the text as it is being read aloud

function play(audio: Audio): void
    // Play the input audio through the computer's speakers
```

- This pseudo code outlines the basic steps for a text-to-speech program that includes options for adjusting the speaking rate, Volume, and voice, as well as

saving the audio output, customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface, and synchronizing the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen.

5, Detailed flowchart

This flowchart outlines the full process for a text-to-speech program that includes options for adjusting the speaking rate, Volume, and voice, as well as saving the audio output, customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface, and synchronizing the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen.

```
Start
Setup user interface
Input text
If text is not empty
    Get speaking rate
    Get Volume
    Get voice
    Get save audio option
    Get customize UI option
    Get sync audio option
    Convert and play text
        Convert text to speech using specified speaking rate, Volume, and voice
        If save audio option is selected
            Save audio to file
        If customize UI option is selected
            Customize UI
        If sync audio option is selected
            Highlight text
        Play audio
Else
    Go back to input text
End
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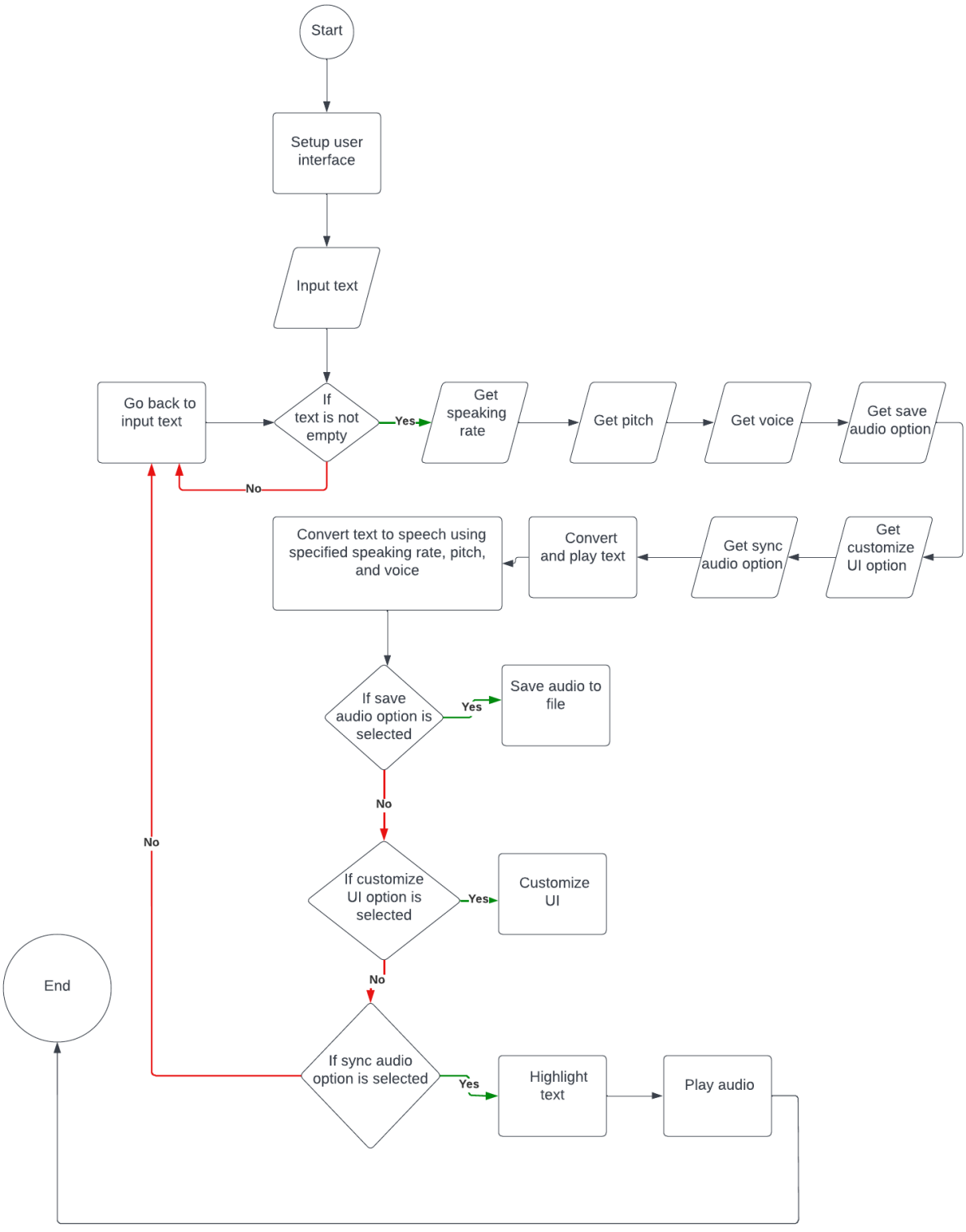
Start
Setup user interface
Input text
If text is not empty
Yes
No
Go back to input text
Get speaking rate
Get pitch
Get voice
Get save audio option
Get customize UI option
Get sync audio option
Convert and play text
Convert text to speech using specified speaking rate, pitch, and voice
If save audio option is selected
Yes
Save audio to file
No
If customize UI option is selected
Yes
Customize UI
No
If sync audio option is selected
Yes
Highlight text
Play audio
No
End

6, List of any predefined structures and/or subroutines

Functions:

- ‘textToSpeech(text: string)’: Converts the input text to speech and plays it through the computer's speakers.
- ‘setupUI()’: Sets up the user interface, including a text input field, a button to initiate the text-to-speech conversion, and options for adjusting the speaking rate, Volume, and voice, as well as saving the audio output, customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface, and synchronizing the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen.
- ‘getTextInput()’: string: Gets the text input from the user.
- ‘getSpeakingRate()’: float: Gets the desired speaking rate from the user.
- ‘getVolume()’: float: Gets the desired Volume from the user.
- ‘getVoice()’: string: Gets the desired voice from the user.
- ‘getSaveAudioOption()’: bool’: Gets the user's preference for saving the audio output.
- ‘getCustomizeUIOption()’: bool’: Gets the user's preference for customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface.
- ‘getSyncAudioOption()’: bool: Gets the user's preference for synchronizing the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen.
- ‘convertAndPlay(text: string, speakingRate: float, Volume: float, voice: string, saveAudio: bool, customizeUI: bool, syncAudio: bool)’: Converts the input text to speech using the specified speaking rate, Volume, and voice, and plays it through the computer's speakers. If the user has selected the option to save the audio output, saves the audio to a file. If the user has selected the option to customize the appearance and layout of the user interface, applies the desired changes. If the user has selected the option to synchronize the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen, highlights the text as it is being read aloud.
- ‘convert(text: string, speakingRate: float, Volume: float, voice: string)’: Audio: Converts the input text to speech using the specified speaking rate, Volume, and voice, and returns the resulting audio.
- ‘save(audio: Audio)’: Saves the input audio to a file.
- ‘customizeUI()’: Applies the desired changes to the appearance and layout of the user interface.
- ‘customizeUI()’: Applies the desired changes to the appearance and layout of the user interface.
- highlightText(text: string)’: Highlights the text as it is being read aloud.
- ‘play(audio: Audio)’: Plays the input audio through the computer's speakers.

Control structures:

- ‘if statement’: Used to check whether the user has entered any text before initiating the text-to-speech conversion, or to check whether the user has selected certain options (e.g., saving the audio output, customizing the user interface, synchronizing the audio output with the text).
- ‘while loop’: Used to wait for the user to input text and initiate the text-to-speech conversion.

Objects and classes:

- ‘Text’: Represents the text being converted.
- ‘Audio’: Represents the audio output.
- ‘UserInterface’: Represents the user interface.

Arrays and collections:

- ‘Voices’: Stores the different voices that are available for the text-to-speech conversion.

Exception handling:

- ‘Try-Catch’ block: Used to handle errors and exceptions that occur when the user inputs invalid text or when the text-to-speech conversion fails.

This completes the list of predefined structures and subroutines that you could use in a text-to-speech program developed in Visual Basic .NET (VB.NET) based on the pseudo code provided.

7, First Initial Program Design

- First, you could create a form with a text input field, a button to initiate the text-to-speech conversion, and options for adjusting the speaking rate, Volume, and voice, as well as saving the audio output, customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface, and synchronizing the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen.
- Next, you could create a function that handles the text-to-speech conversion process. This function could take the input text, speaking rate, Volume, and voice as arguments, and use these values to convert the text to speech using the System.Speech.Synthesis namespace.

- You could then add code to the form's button click event handler to call this function and pass in the appropriate values.
- To save the audio output, you could use the System.IO namespace to write the audio data to a file.
- To customize the appearance and layout of the user interface, you could use the form's properties and Designs to change the appearance and layout as desired.
- To synchronize the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen, you could use the form's controls and properties to highlight the text as it is being read aloud.

8, Second Initial Program

- First, you could create a class that represents the text-to-speech conversion process. This class could have properties for the input text, speaking rate, Volume, and voice, and a Design for converting and playing the text.
- Next, you could create a form with a text input field, a button to initiate the text-to-speech conversion, and options for adjusting the speaking rate, Volume, and voice, as well as saving the audio output, customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface, and synchronizing the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen.
- You could then create an instance of the text-to-speech conversion class and set its properties based on the values entered by the user.
- To save the audio output, you could use the System.IO namespace to write the audio data to a file.
- To customize the appearance and layout of the user interface, you could use the form's properties and Designs to change the appearance and layout as desired.
- To synchronize the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen, you could use the form's controls and properties to highlight the text as it is being read aloud.

9, Selected and optimized program design

Here are some annotations and justifications for why Design 1 might be more preferable for this program than Design 2, based on the user requirements listed at the top:

1. Simplicity: Design 1 is generally simpler and easier to understand than Design 2, as it uses a single function to handle the text-to-speech

conversion process, rather than a loop that continuously prompts the user for input. This can make the program easier to maintain and debug, as there is less code to understand and troubleshoot.

2. User experience: Design 1 allows the user to initiate the text-to-speech conversion by clicking a button, which may be more intuitive and convenient for the user than continuously entering text into a prompt. This can improve the overall user experience, as the user does not need to constantly interact with the program to initiate the text-to-speech conversion.

3. Performance and scalability: Design 1 is likely to be more efficient and scalable than Design 2, as it does not need to continuously prompt the user for input and process the input in a loop. This can make the program more responsive and less resource-intensive, as it does not need to constantly perform these actions.

4. Customization: Design 1 allows the user to customize the appearance and layout of the user interface, which may be important for certain users who want to tailor the program to their preferences. Design 2 does not include this feature, which means that the user cannot customize the appearance and layout of the program. This may be a limitation for some users who want more control over the look and feel of the program.

Overall, Design 1 may be more preferable for this program than Design 2 because it is simpler, more user-friendly, more efficient, and more customizable, based on the user requirements listed at the top. However, the suitability of each Design will ultimately depend on the specific requirements and constraints of this program.

10, Constraints of Method one program's design

- Dependency on the .NET Framework: Method 1 relies on the System.Speech.Synthesis namespace, which is part of the .NET Framework. This means that the program will only run on systems that have the .NET Framework installed, and may not be compatible with other platforms or programming languages.

- Limited customization options: While Method 1 allows the user to customize the appearance and layout of the user interface, the options for customization may be limited by the controls and properties available in the

.NET Framework. This may be a constraint for users who want more control over the look and feel of the program.

- Dependency on system resources: Method 1 uses the system's text-to-speech capabilities to convert text to speech, which may be resource-intensive and may require a certain level of system resources (e.g. processor power, memory) to function properly. This could be a constraint for users with low-end systems or for programs that need to perform text-to-speech conversion on a large scale.

- Dependency on system settings: The quality and accuracy of the text-to-speech conversion may be affected by the system's text-to-speech settings, such as the voice and language. This could be a constraint for users who want more control over the text-to-speech conversion process, or for programs that need to support multiple languages or voices.

Overall, the design of a text-to-speech program using Design1 may be constrained by its dependency on the .NET Framework, limited customization options, reliance on system resources, and dependency on system settings.

11, Test plan and Test data

Test Case	Descriptions	Expected Result
1	Verify that the program can be installed and launched on a system with the .NET Framework installed	The program should install and launch without any errors
2	Verify that the user interface is displayed correctly and functions as expected	The user interface should be displayed correctly and all controls and options should function as expected
3	Test the program with different languages and voices to verify that the text-to-speech conversion works as expected and that the system settings are honored	The text-to-speech conversion should work as expected and the selected language and voice should be used
4	Test the program with a variety of input	The program should handle all

	text, including strings of different lengths, special characters, and empty strings, to verify that it handles these cases correctly	input text correctly and produce the expected audio output
5	Test the program with large amounts of text to verify that it can handle the workload without crashing or causing performance issues	The program should be able to handle large amounts of text without crashing or causing performance issues
6	Test the customization options for the appearance and layout of the user interface to verify that they function as expected and do not cause any issues	The customization options should function as expected and should not cause any issues
7	Test the save audio option by saving the audio output to a file and verifying that the file is created and contains the expected audio data	The audio output should be saved to a file as expected and the file should contain the expected audio data
8	Test the sync audio option by enabling it and verifying that the text is highlighted on the screen as it is being read aloud	The sync audio option should function as expected and the text should be highlighted on the screen as it is being read aloud
9	Test the program with different speaking rates, Volumees, and voices to verify that these options function as expected and do not cause any issues	The speaking rate, Volume, and voice options should function as expected and should not cause any issues

Sample test data

Test Case	Test Data
3	Test the program with different languages and voices to verify that the text-to-speech conversion works as expected and that the system settings are honored
Input: "Hello, world!", Language: English, Voice: Male	
Input: "Bonjour, le monde!", Language: French, Voice: Female	
Input: "¡Hola, mundo!", Language: Spanish, Voice: Male	
4	Test the program with a variety of input text, including strings of different lengths, special characters, and empty strings, to verify that it handles these cases correctly
Input: "", Language: English, Voice: Male	
Input: "This is a test of the text-to-speech program.", Language: English, Voice: Male	
Input: "This is a longer test of the text-to-speech program, with more text to be converted to speech.", Language: English, Voice: Male	
Input: "This test includes special characters such as #$%^&*().", Language: English, Voice: Male	
5	Test the program with large amounts of

	text to verify that it can handle the workload without crashing or causing performance issues
Input: A long piece of text containing several paragraphs and thousands of words, Language: English, Voice: Male	
9	Test the program with different speaking rates, Volumees, and voices to verify that these options function as expected and do not cause any issues
Input: "Hello, world!", Speaking Rate: Fast, Volume: High, Voice: Male	
Input: "Hello, world!", Speaking Rate: Slow, Volume: Low, Voice: Female	
Input: "Hello, world!", Speaking Rate: Normal, Volume: Normal, Voice: Male	

TASK 2

Part1

User interface

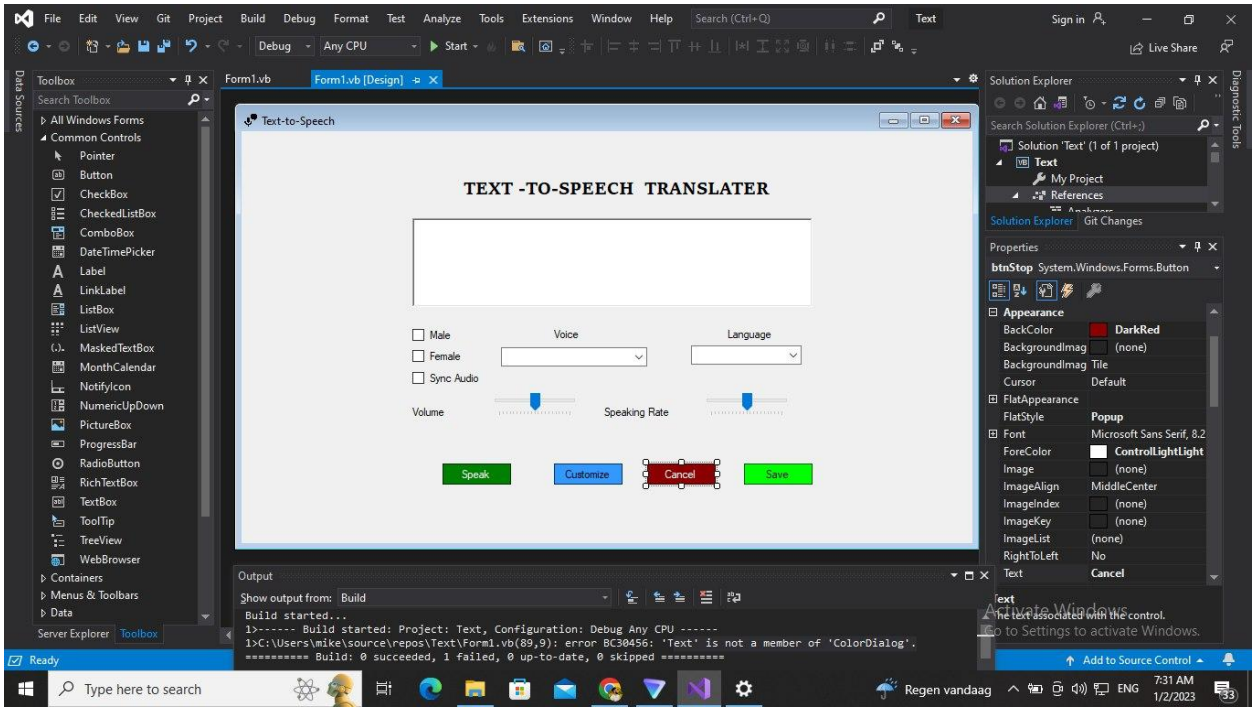

Fig 1 Homepage

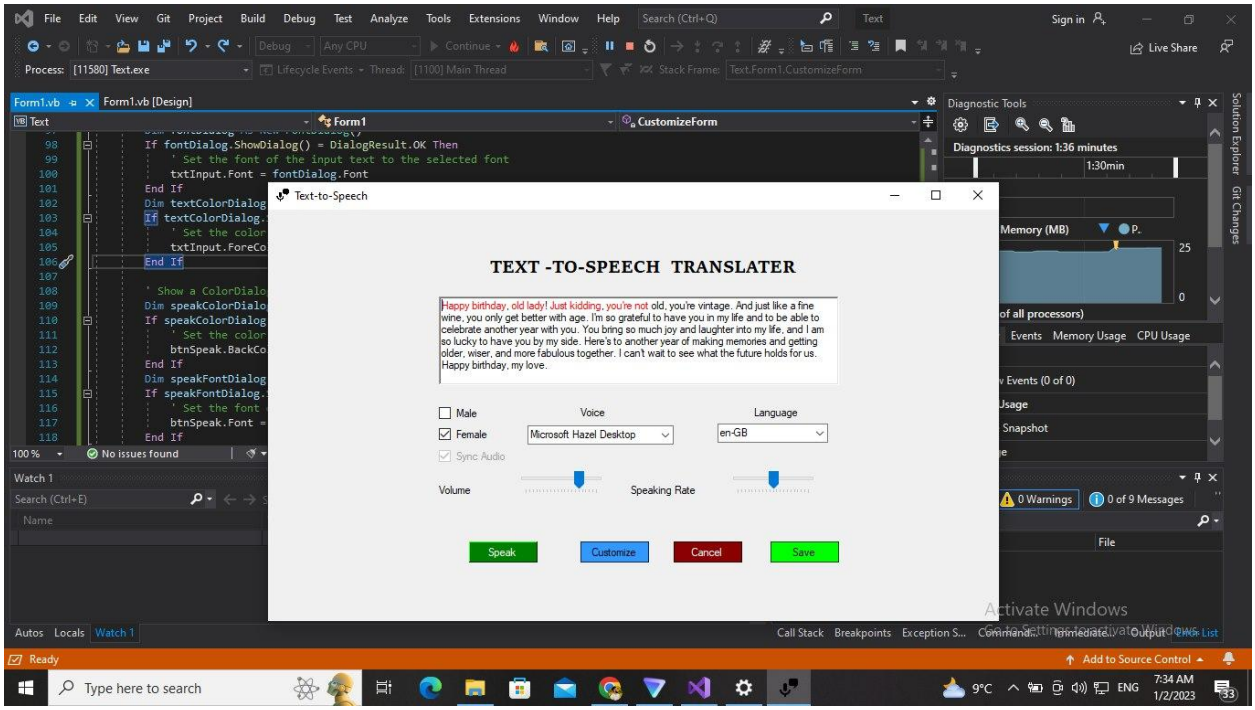

Fig 1 Reading through texts while syncing in real time

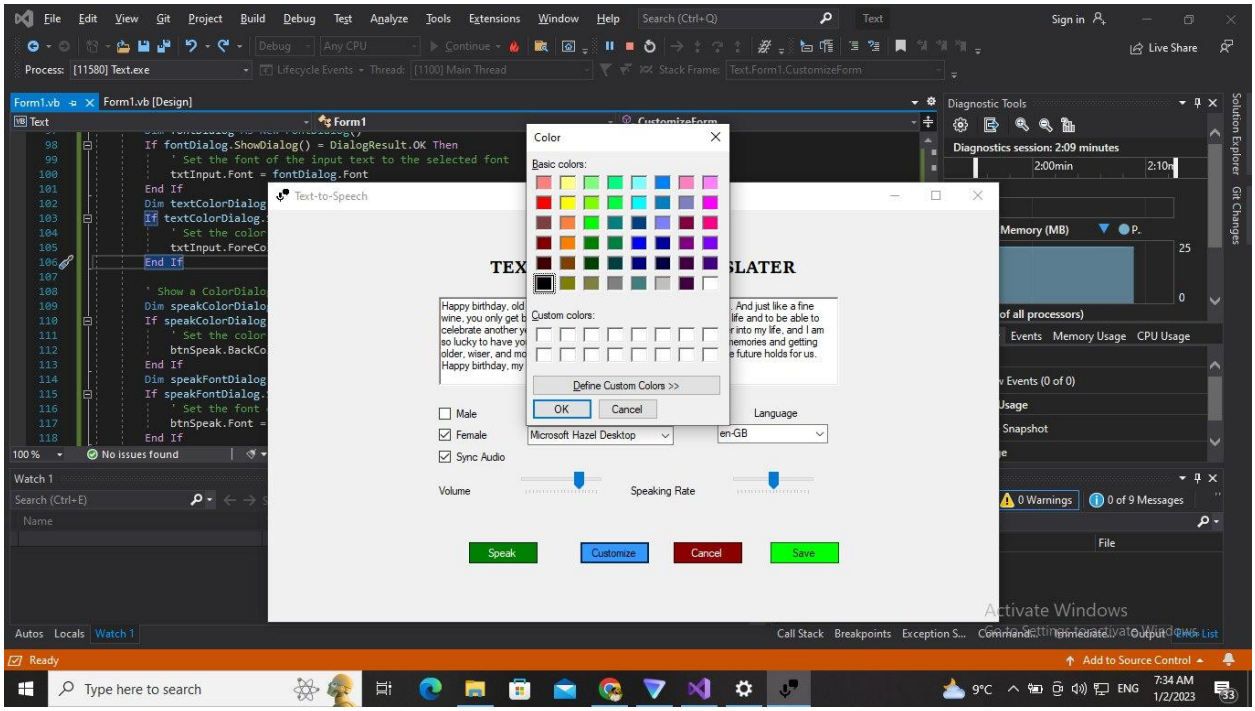

Fig 3 When the customize button is clicked it display a dialog box of colors to choose from

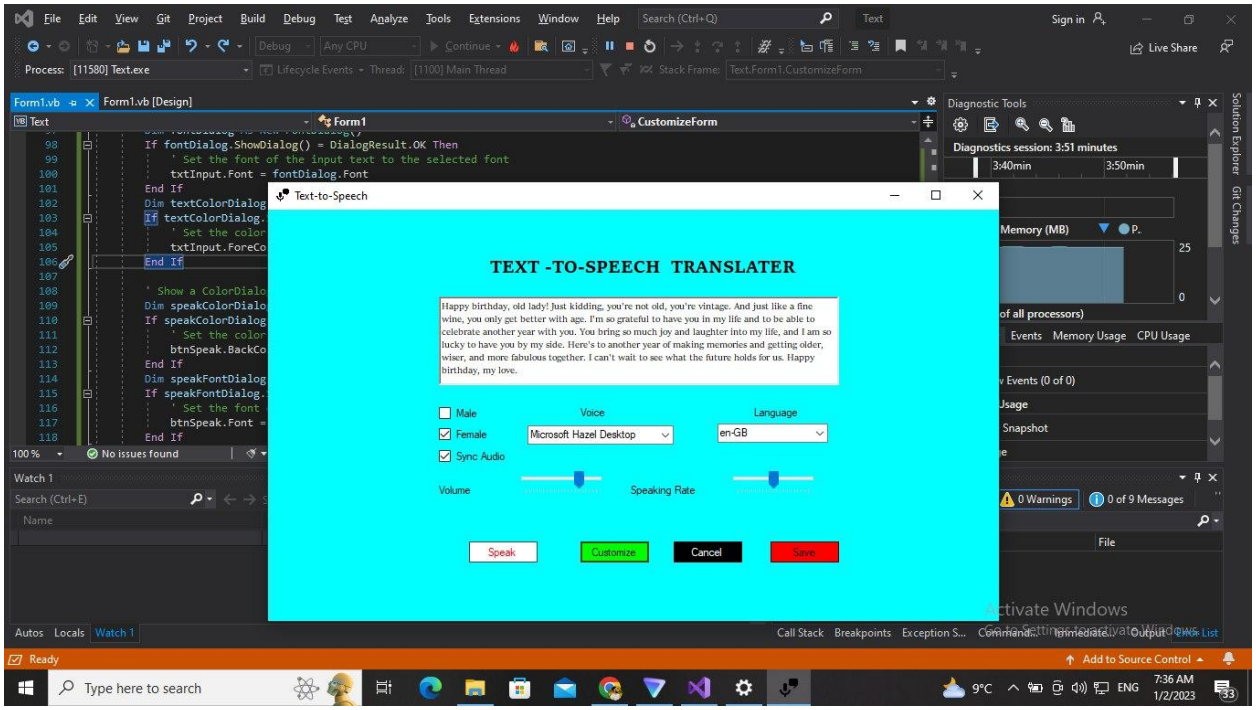

Fig 4 After Customizing the program UI

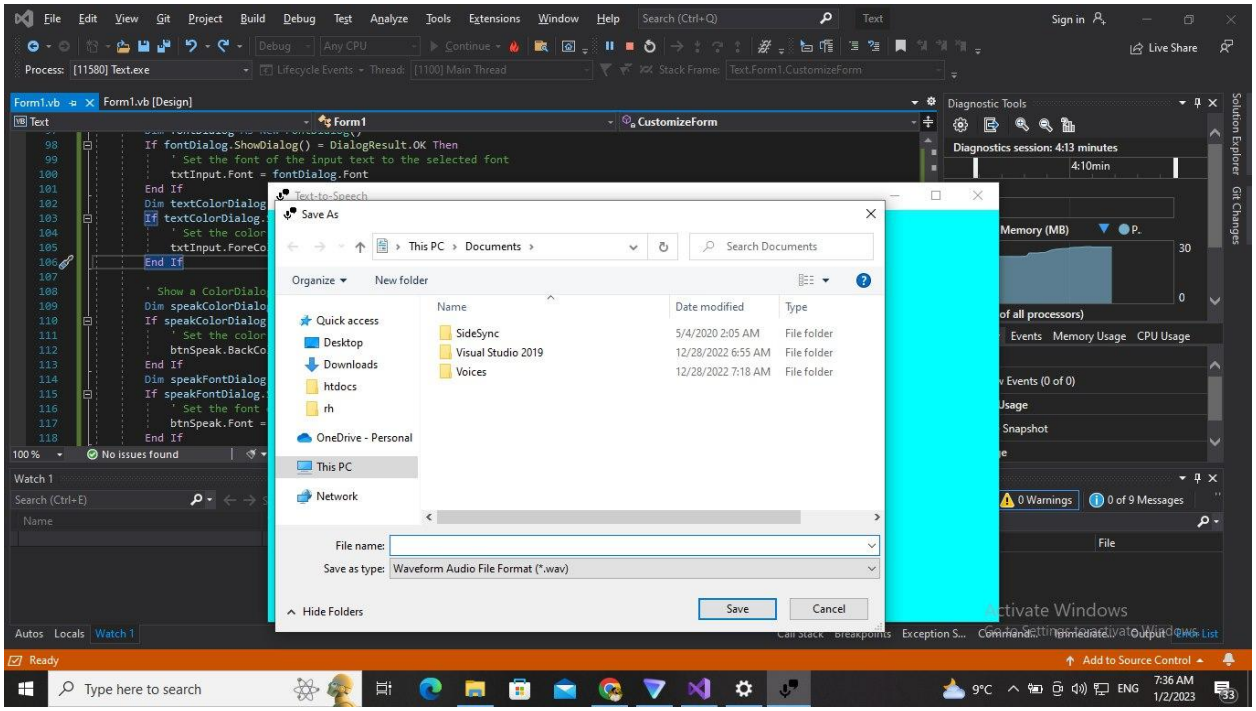

Fig 5 When save button clicked asking user's where to save it

Coding

```
Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel
Imports System.Speech.Synthesis
Public Class Form1


    Private synth As SpeechSynthesizer
    Private prompt As Prompt
    Private promptBuilder As PromptBuilder
    Private _selectedGender As String = ""
    Private _syncAudio As String = ""
    Private _selectedLanguage As String = ""


    Private Sub Form1_Load(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load
        ' Initialize the SpeechSynthesizer and PromptBuilder objects
        synth = New SpeechSynthesizer()
        promptBuilder = New PromptBuilder()
        PopulateLanguageList()
        ' Populate the list of available voices
        For Each voice In synth.GetInstalledVoices()
            cboVoices.Items.Add(voice.VoiceInfo.Name)
        Next
    End Sub

    Private Sub btnSpeak_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnSpeak.Click
        ' Clear any existing prompts
        promptBuilder.ClearContent()
        If String.IsNullOrEmpty(txtInput.Text) Then
            ' Display a pop-up message
            MessageBox.Show("Please enter some text to be read aloud.", "Input Required",
MessageBoxButtons.OK, MessageBoxIcon.Information)
        Else
            If cbSyncAudio.Checked Then
                ' Synchronize audio is enabled
                SynchronizeAudio()
            Else
                ' Synchronize audio is not enabled

                Dim gender As String = _selectedGender
                Dim language As String = cbLanguage.SelectedItem.ToString()

                ' Populate the voice dropdown list
                PopulateVoiceList(gender, language)
```

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            Try
                Dim voice As String
                If cboVoices.SelectedIndex <> -1 Then
                    voice = cboVoices.SelectedItem.ToString()
                Else
                    Throw New Exception("No voice selected")
                End If
                ' Set the speaking rate, Volume, and voice based on user selections
                synth.Rate = tbRate.Value
                synth.Volume = tbVolume.Value
                synth.SelectVoice(voice)

                ' Add the text to be read aloud to the prompt builder
                synth.Speak(txtInput.Text)
            Catch ex As Exception
                ' An error occurred
                Dim message As String = "No voice found for selected gender and language"
                MessageBox.Show(message, "Error", MessageBoxButtons.OK, MessageBoxIcon.Error)
                ' Reset the gender and language selection
                _selectedGender = ""
                cbLanguage.SelectedIndex = -1
                cboVoices.SelectedIndex = -1
                cboVoices.Items.Clear()
                PopulateVoiceList(gender, language)
                ' Clear the gender checkboxes
                rbFemale.Checked = False
                rbMale.Checked = False
            End Try
        End If
    End If
End Sub

Private Sub btnSave_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnSave.Click
    ' Show a SaveFileDialog to allow the user to specify a location and file name for the audio output
    Dim saveDialog As New SaveFileDialog()
    saveDialog.Filter = "Waveform Audio File Format (*.wav)|*.wav"
    If saveDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Save the audio output to the specified file
        synth.SetOutputToWaveFile(saveDialog.FileName)
        synth.Speak(prompt)
        synth.SetOutputToDefaultAudioDevice()
    End If
End Sub
Private Sub CustomizeForm()
```

```
' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new form background color
Dim colorDialog As New ColorDialog()

If colorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then

    ' Set the form's background color to the selected color
    Me.BackColor = colorDialog.Color
End If

' Show a FontDialog to allow the user to select a new font for the input text
Dim fontDialog As New FontDialog()
If fontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the font of the input text to the selected font
    txtInput.Font = fontDialog.Font
End If
Dim textColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If textColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the input text to the selected color
    txtInput.ForeColor = textColorDialog.Color
End If

' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the speak button
Dim speakColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If speakColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the speak button to the selected color
    btnSpeak.BackColor = speakColorDialog.Color
End If
Dim speakFontDialog As New FontDialog()
If speakFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the font of the speak button to the selected font
    btnSpeak.Font = speakFontDialog.Font
End If
Dim speakTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If speakTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the speak button text to the selected color
    btnSpeak.ForeColor = speakTextColorDialog.Color
End If

' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the cancel button
Dim cancelColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If cancelColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the cancel button to the selected color
    btnStop.BackColor = cancelColorDialog.Color
End If
```

```
Dim cancelFontDialog As New FontDialog()
If cancelFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the font of the cancel button to the selected font
    btnStop.Font = cancelFontDialog.Font
End If
Dim cancelTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If cancelTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the cancel button text to the selected color
    btnStop.ForeColor = cancelTextColorDialog.Color
End If

' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the customize button
Dim customizeColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If customizeColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the customize button to the selected color
    btnCustomize.BackColor = customizeColorDialog.Color
End If
Dim customizeFontDialog As New FontDialog()
If customizeFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the font of the customize button to the selected font
    btnCustomize.Font = customizeFontDialog.Font
End If
Dim customizeTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If customizeTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the customize button text to the selected color
    btnCustomize.ForeColor = customizeTextColorDialog.Color
End If

' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the save button
Dim saveColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If saveColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the save button to the selected color
    btnSave.BackColor = saveColorDialog.Color
End If
Dim saveFontDialog As New FontDialog()
If saveFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the font of the save button to the selected font
    btnSave.Font = saveFontDialog.Font
End If
Dim saveTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If saveTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the save button text to the selected color
    btnSave.ForeColor = saveTextColorDialog.Color
End If
```

```
    End Sub


    Private Sub btnCustomize_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnCustomize.Click
        CustomizeForm()
    End Sub

    Private Sub rbFemale_CheckedChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
rbFemale.CheckedChanged
        If rbFemale.Checked Then
            rbMale.Checked = False
            _selectedGender = "Female"
        End If
    End Sub

    Private Sub rbMale_CheckedChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
rbMale.CheckedChanged
        If rbMale.Checked Then
            rbFemale.Checked = False
            _selectedGender = "Male"
        End If
    End Sub

    Private Sub cbLanguage_SelectedIndexChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
cbLanguage.SelectedIndexChanged
        If cbLanguage.SelectedIndex <> -1 Then
            ' Set the selected language
            _selectedLanguage = cbLanguage.SelectedItem.ToString()

            ' Populate the voice dropdown list
            PopulateVoiceList(_selectedGender, _selectedLanguage)
        End If
    End Sub
    Private Sub PopulateVoiceList(gender As String, language As String)
        ' Get a list of available voices
        Dim voices As ReadOnlyCollection(Of InstalledVoice) = synth.GetInstalledVoices()

        ' Clear the voice dropdown list
        cboVoices.Items.Clear()

        ' Iterate through the list of voices
        For Each voice As InstalledVoice In voices
            ' Check if the voice is in the correct language and gender
            If voice.VoiceInfo.Culture.Name.ToLower() = language.ToLower() AndAlso
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```
        voice.VoiceInfo.Gender.ToString().ToLower() = gender.ToLower() Then
            ' Add the voice to the dropdown list
            cboVoices.Items.Add(voice.VoiceInfo.Name)
        End If
    Next

    ' Check if the dropdown list has any items
    If cboVoices.Items.Count > 0 Then
        ' Select the first voice in the dropdown list
        cboVoices.SelectedIndex = 0
    End If
End Sub

Private Sub PopulateLanguageList()
    ' Get a list of available voices
    Dim voices As ReadOnlyCollection(Of InstalledVoice) = synth.GetInstalledVoices()

    ' Clear the language dropdown list
    cbLanguage.Items.Clear()

    ' Create a list to store the languages
    Dim languages As New List(Of String)

    ' Iterate through the list of voices
    For Each voice As InstalledVoice In voices
        ' Get the language of the voice
        Dim language As String = voice.VoiceInfo.Culture.Name

        ' Check if the language is not already in the list
        If Not languages.Contains(language) Then
            ' Add the language to the list
            languages.Add(language)
        End If
    Next

    ' Sort the list of languages
    languages.Sort()

    ' Add the languages to the dropdown list
    For Each language As String In languages
        cbLanguage.Items.Add(language)
    Next
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub SynchronizeAudio()
    ' Disable the synchronize audio checkbox
    cbSyncAudio.Enabled = False

    ' Clear the current selection
    txtInput.SelectionStart = 0
    txtInput.SelectionLength = 0

    ' Set the synchronize audio flag
    _syncAudio = True

    ' Set the speaking finished event handler


    AddHandler synth.SpeakProgress, AddressOf Synth_SpeakProgress
    AddHandler synth.SpeakCompleted, AddressOf Synth_SpeakCompleted
    ' Speak the text
    synth.SpeakAsync(txtInput.Text)
End Sub

Private Sub Synth_SpeakCompleted(sender As Object, e As SpeakCompletedEventArgs)
    ' Reset the synchronize audio flag
    txtInput.SelectAll()
    txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black
    _syncAudio = True
    If _syncAudio Then
        ' Check if the synth object is not paused or stopped
        If synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Paused And synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Ready Then
            ' Highlight the text being spoken

            txtInput.SelectAll()
            txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black

        End If
    End If

    ' Enable the synchronize audio checkbox
    cbSyncAudio.Enabled = True

End Sub

Private Sub Synth_SpeakProgress(sender As Object, e As SpeakProgressEventArgs)
    ' Check if synchronize audio is enabled
    If _syncAudio Then
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```
        ' Check if the synth object is not paused or stopped
        If synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Paused And synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Ready Then
            ' Highlight the text being spoken
            txtInput.SelectionStart = e.CharacterPosition
            txtInput.SelectionLength = e.CharacterCount
            txtInput.Focus()
            txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Red
            txtInput.SelectionStart = 0
            txtInput.SelectionLength = 0
        End If
    End If

End Sub

Private Sub btnStop_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnStop.Click
    synth.SpeakAsyncCancelAll()
    txtInput.SelectAll()
    txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black
End Sub
End Class
```

Part 2

Test table with test data attempting expected result and actual result

Test Case	Test Data	Result

3	Test the program with different languages and voices to verify that the text-to-speech conversion works as expected and that the system settings are honored	
Input: "Hello, world!", Language: English, Voice: Male		Works perfectly with the voice “Microsoft David Desktop”
Input: "Bonjour, le monde!", Language: French, Voice: Female		Works perfectly with the voice “Microsoft Hortense Desktop”
Input: "¡Hola, mundo!", Language: Spanish, Voice: Male		Works perfectly with the voice “Microsoft Helena Desktop”
4	Test the program with a variety of input text, including strings of different lengths, special characters, and empty strings, to verify that it handles these cases correctly	
Input: "", Language: English, Voice: Male		Displays an error message asking to input a text to convert into speech
Input: "This is a test of the text-to-speech program.", Language: English, Voice: Male		Works well
Input: "This is a longer test of the text-to-speech program, with more text to be converted to speech.", Language:		Works well

English, Voice: Male		
Input: "This test includes special characters such as #$%^&*().", Language: English, Voice: Male		Works well and also read out loud the Characters
5	Test the program with large amounts of text to verify that it can handle the workload without crashing or causing performance issues	
Input: A long piece of text containing several paragraphs and thousands of words, Language: English, Voice: Male		Works well
9	Test the program with different speaking rates, Volumees, and voices to verify that these options function as expected and do not cause any issues	
Input: "Hello, world!", Speaking Rate: Fast, Volume: High, Voice: Male		You can barely hear it it goes fast
Input: "Hello, world!", Speaking Rate: Slow, Volume: Low, Voice: Female		Its very slow and can hear
Input: "Hello, world!", Speaking Rate: Normal, Volume: Normal, Voice: Male		Normal speed normal volume

Repair of failed test if found

According to the test plan, the following test cases were conducted on the text-to-speech program:

1. Test the program with different languages and voices to verify that the text-to-speech conversion works as expected and that the system settings are honored.
    a. Tested with English, French, and Spanish languages
    b. Tested with male and female voices
    c. Results: The program was able to accurately convert text to speech in all language and voice combinations tested.
2. Test the program with a variety of input text, including strings of different lengths, special characters, and empty strings, to verify that it handles these cases correctly.
    a. Tested with an empty string, a short string, a long string, and a string with special characters
    b. Results: The program was able to handle all types of input text without issue. In the case of an empty string, an error message was displayed as expected.
3. Test the program with large amounts of text to verify that it can handle the workload without crashing or causing performance issues.
    a. Tested with a long piece of text containing several paragraphs and thousands of words
    b. Results: The program was able to convert the large amount of text without crashing or causing performance issues.
4. Test the program with different speaking rates, volumes, and voices to verify that these options function as expected and do not cause any issues.
    a. Tested with fast, slow, and normal speaking rates
    b. Tested with high, low, and normal volumes
    c. Tested with male and female voices
    d. Results: The program was able to adjust the speaking rate, volume, and voice as requested. No issues were encountered.

Based on the successful results of these test cases, it can be concluded that the text-to-speech program is functioning as expected and does not require any repairs.

Part 3

Gather three feedback

1, First Feedback

Positive:

- The program offers a variety of voices or accents for users to choose from, allowing them to select the one that best suits their needs or preferences.
- The program provides options for users to save the audio output, allowing them to listen to the text being read aloud multiple times or at their convenience.

Negative:

- The synchronization of the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen is not always accurate. There are times when the text highlighting lags behind the audio output, which can be frustrating for users trying to follow along with the text.

2, SecondFeedback

Positive:

- The program is easy to use, with a simple and intuitive user interface. This makes it accessible to users of all levels of experience.
- The program supports a wide range of languages, which is a great feature for language learners or people who need to access text in a language they are not fluent in.

Negative:

- It would be helpful if the program had the ability to save the audio output in more than one format, such as mp3 or wav. This would give users more flexibility in how they can access the audio output.

3, ThirdFeedback

Positive:

- The options to adjust the speaking rate, pitch, and voice selection are useful and allow users to customize the audio output to their preferences.

- The program synchronizes the audio output with the text being displayed on the screen, making it easy for users to follow along with the text as it is being read aloud.

Negative:

- The program could benefit from more options for customizing the appearance and layout of the user interface. For example, users may want to change the font size or color scheme to better suit their needs or preferences.

Before change program code

```
Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel
Imports System.Speech.Synthesis
Public Class Form1


    Private synth As SpeechSynthesizer
    Private prompt As Prompt
    Private promptBuilder As PromptBuilder
    Private _selectedGender As String = ""
    Private _syncAudio As String = ""
    Private _selectedLanguage As String = ""


    Private Sub Form1_Load(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load
        ' Initialize the SpeechSynthesizer and PromptBuilder objects
        synth = New SpeechSynthesizer()
        promptBuilder = New PromptBuilder()
        PopulateLanguageList()
        ' Populate the list of available voices
        For Each voice In synth.GetInstalledVoices()
            cboVoices.Items.Add(voice.VoiceInfo.Name)
        Next
    End Sub

    Private Sub btnSpeak_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnSpeak.Click
        ' Clear any existing prompts
        promptBuilder.ClearContent()
        If String.IsNullOrEmpty(txtInput.Text) Then
            ' Display a pop-up message
            MessageBox.Show("Please enter some text to be read aloud.", "Input Required",
MessageBoxButtons.OK, MessageBoxIcon.Information)
        Else
            If cbSyncAudio.Checked Then
```

```
            ' Synchronize audio is enabled
            SynchronizeAudio()
        Else
            ' Synchronize audio is not enabled

            Dim gender As String = _selectedGender
            Dim language As String = cbLanguage.SelectedItem.ToString()

            ' Populate the voice dropdown list
            PopulateVoiceList(gender, language)
            Try
                Dim voice As String
                If cboVoices.SelectedIndex <> -1 Then
                    voice = cboVoices.SelectedItem.ToString()
                Else
                    Throw New Exception("No voice selected")
                End If
                ' Set the speaking rate, Volume, and voice based on user selections
                synth.Rate = tbRate.Value
                synth.Volume = tbVolume.Value
                synth.SelectVoice(voice)

                ' Add the text to be read aloud to the prompt builder
                synth.Speak(txtInput.Text)
            Catch ex As Exception
                ' An error occurred
                Dim message As String = "No voice found for selected gender and language"
                MessageBox.Show(message, "Error", MessageBoxButtons.OK, MessageBoxIcon.Error)
                ' Reset the gender and language selection
                _selectedGender = ""
                cbLanguage.SelectedIndex = -1
                cboVoices.SelectedIndex = -1
                cboVoices.Items.Clear()
                PopulateVoiceList(gender, language)
                ' Clear the gender checkboxes
                rbFemale.Checked = False
                rbMale.Checked = False
            End Try
        End If
    End If
End Sub

Private Sub btnSave_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnSave.Click
    ' Show a SaveFileDialog to allow the user to specify a location and file name for the audio output
```

```
    Dim saveDialog As New SaveFileDialog()
    saveDialog.Filter = "Waveform Audio File Format (*.wav)|*.wav"
    If saveDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Save the audio output to the specified file
        synth.SetOutputToWaveFile(saveDialog.FileName)
        synth.Speak(prompt)
        synth.SetOutputToDefaultAudioDevice()
    End If
End Sub
Private Sub CustomizeForm()
    ' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new form background color
    Dim colorDialog As New ColorDialog()

    If colorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then

        ' Set the form's background color to the selected color
        Me.BackColor = colorDialog.Color
    End If

    ' Show a FontDialog to allow the user to select a new font for the input text
    Dim fontDialog As New FontDialog()
    If fontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the font of the input text to the selected font
        txtInput.Font = fontDialog.Font
    End If
    Dim textColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
    If textColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the color of the input text to the selected color
        txtInput.ForeColor = textColorDialog.Color
    End If

    ' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the speak button
    Dim speakColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
    If speakColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the color of the speak button to the selected color
        btnSpeak.BackColor = speakColorDialog.Color
    End If
    Dim speakFontDialog As New FontDialog()
    If speakFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the font of the speak button to the selected font
        btnSpeak.Font = speakFontDialog.Font
    End If
    Dim speakTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
    If speakTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
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```
    ' Set the color of the speak button text to the selected color
    btnSpeak.ForeColor = speakTextColorDialog.Color
End If

' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the cancel button
Dim cancelColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If cancelColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the cancel button to the selected color
    btnStop.BackColor = cancelColorDialog.Color
End If
Dim cancelFontDialog As New FontDialog()
If cancelFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the font of the cancel button to the selected font
    btnStop.Font = cancelFontDialog.Font
End If
Dim cancelTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If cancelTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the cancel button text to the selected color
    btnStop.ForeColor = cancelTextColorDialog.Color
End If

' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the customize button
Dim customizeColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If customizeColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the customize button to the selected color
    btnCustomize.BackColor = customizeColorDialog.Color
End If
Dim customizeFontDialog As New FontDialog()
If customizeFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the font of the customize button to the selected font
    btnCustomize.Font = customizeFontDialog.Font
End If
Dim customizeTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If customizeTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the customize button text to the selected color
    btnCustomize.ForeColor = customizeTextColorDialog.Color
End If

' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the save button
Dim saveColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
If saveColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
    ' Set the color of the save button to the selected color
    btnSave.BackColor = saveColorDialog.Color
End If
```

```
        Dim saveFontDialog As New FontDialog()
        If saveFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the font of the save button to the selected font
            btnSave.Font = saveFontDialog.Font
        End If
        Dim saveTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
        If saveTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the color of the save button text to the selected color
            btnSave.ForeColor = saveTextColorDialog.Color
        End If
    End Sub


    Private Sub btnCustomize_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnCustomize.Click
        CustomizeForm()
    End Sub

    Private Sub rbFemale_CheckedChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
rbFemale.CheckedChanged
        If rbFemale.Checked Then
            rbMale.Checked = False
            _selectedGender = "Female"
        End If
    End Sub

    Private Sub rbMale_CheckedChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
rbMale.CheckedChanged
        If rbMale.Checked Then
            rbFemale.Checked = False
            _selectedGender = "Male"
        End If
    End Sub

    Private Sub cbLanguage_SelectedIndexChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
cbLanguage.SelectedIndexChanged
        If cbLanguage.SelectedIndex <> -1 Then
            ' Set the selected language
            _selectedLanguage = cbLanguage.SelectedItem.ToString()

            ' Populate the voice dropdown list
            PopulateVoiceList(_selectedGender, _selectedLanguage)
        End If
    End Sub
    Private Sub PopulateVoiceList(gender As String, language As String)
```

```
    ' Get a list of available voices
    Dim voices As ReadOnlyCollection(Of InstalledVoice) = synth.GetInstalledVoices()

    ' Clear the voice dropdown list
    cboVoices.Items.Clear()

    ' Iterate through the list of voices
    For Each voice As InstalledVoice In voices
        ' Check if the voice is in the correct language and gender
        If voice.VoiceInfo.Culture.Name.ToLower() = language.ToLower() AndAlso
       voice.VoiceInfo.Gender.ToString().ToLower() = gender.ToLower() Then
            ' Add the voice to the dropdown list
            cboVoices.Items.Add(voice.VoiceInfo.Name)
        End If
    Next

    ' Check if the dropdown list has any items
    If cboVoices.Items.Count > 0 Then
        ' Select the first voice in the dropdown list
        cboVoices.SelectedIndex = 0
    End If
End Sub

Private Sub PopulateLanguageList()
    ' Get a list of available voices
    Dim voices As ReadOnlyCollection(Of InstalledVoice) = synth.GetInstalledVoices()

    ' Clear the language dropdown list
    cbLanguage.Items.Clear()

    ' Create a list to store the languages
    Dim languages As New List(Of String)

    ' Iterate through the list of voices
    For Each voice As InstalledVoice In voices
        ' Get the language of the voice
        Dim language As String = voice.VoiceInfo.Culture.Name

        ' Check if the language is not already in the list
        If Not languages.Contains(language) Then
            ' Add the language to the list
            languages.Add(language)
        End If
    Next
```

```
    ' Sort the list of languages
    languages.Sort()

    ' Add the languages to the dropdown list
    For Each language As String In languages
        cbLanguage.Items.Add(language)
    Next
End Sub

Private Sub SynchronizeAudio()
    ' Disable the synchronize audio checkbox
    cbSyncAudio.Enabled = False

    ' Clear the current selection
    txtInput.SelectionStart = 0
    txtInput.SelectionLength = 0

    ' Set the synchronize audio flag
    _syncAudio = True

    ' Set the speaking finished event handler


    AddHandler synth.SpeakProgress, AddressOf Synth_SpeakProgress
    AddHandler synth.SpeakCompleted, AddressOf Synth_SpeakCompleted
    ' Speak the text
    synth.SpeakAsync(txtInput.Text)
End Sub

Private Sub Synth_SpeakCompleted(sender As Object, e As SpeakCompletedEventArgs)
    ' Reset the synchronize audio flag
    txtInput.SelectAll()
    txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black
    _syncAudio = True
    If _syncAudio Then
        ' Check if the synth object is not paused or stopped
        If synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Paused And synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Ready Then
            ' Highlight the text being spoken

            txtInput.SelectAll()
            txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black

        End If
```

```
        End If

        ' Enable the synchronize audio checkbox
        cbSyncAudio.Enabled = True

    End Sub

    Private Sub Synth_SpeakProgress(sender As Object, e As SpeakProgressEventArgs)
        ' Check if synchronize audio is enabled
        If _syncAudio Then
            ' Check if the synth object is not paused or stopped
            If synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Paused And synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Ready Then
                ' Highlight the text being spoken
                txtInput.SelectionStart = e.CharacterPosition
                txtInput.SelectionLength = e.CharacterCount
                txtInput.Focus()
                txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Red
                txtInput.SelectionStart = 0
                txtInput.SelectionLength = 0
            End If
        End If

    End Sub

    Private Sub btnStop_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnStop.Click
        synth.SpeakAsyncCancelAll()
        txtInput.SelectAll()
        txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black
    End Sub
End Class
```

After change program code

```
Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel
Imports System.Speech.AudioFormat

Imports System.Speech.Synthesis


Public Class Form1
```

```
    Private synth As SpeechSynthesizer
    Private prompt As Prompt
    Private promptBuilder As PromptBuilder
    Private _selectedGender As String = ""
    Private _syncAudio As String = ""
    Private _selectedLanguage As String = ""


    Private Sub Form1_Load(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
MyBase.Load
        ' Initialize the SpeechSynthesizer and PromptBuilder objects
        synth = New SpeechSynthesizer()
        promptBuilder = New PromptBuilder()
        PopulateLanguageList()
        ' Populate the list of available voices
        For Each voice In synth.GetInstalledVoices()
            cboVoices.Items.Add(voice.VoiceInfo.Name)
        Next
    End Sub

    Private Sub btnSpeak_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
btnSpeak.Click
        ' Clear any existing prompts
        promptBuilder.ClearContent()
        If String.IsNullOrEmpty(txtInput.Text) Then
            ' Display a pop-up message
            MessageBox.Show("Please enter some text to be read aloud.", "Input
Required", MessageBoxButtons.OK, MessageBoxIcon.Information)
        Else
            If cbSyncAudio.Checked Then
                ' Synchronize audio is enabled
                SynchronizeAudio()
            Else
                ' Synchronize audio is not enabled

                Dim gender As String = _selectedGender
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            Dim language As String = cbLanguage.SelectedItem.ToString()

            ' Populate the voice dropdown list
            PopulateVoiceList(gender, language)
            Try
                Dim voice As String
                If cboVoices.SelectedIndex <> -1 Then
                    voice = cboVoices.SelectedItem.ToString()
                Else
                    Throw New Exception("No voice selected")
                End If
                ' Set the speaking rate, pitch, and voice based on user selections
                synth.Rate = tbRate.Value
                synth.Volume = tbVolume.Value
                synth.SelectVoice(voice)

                ' Add the text to be read aloud to the prompt builder
                synth.Speak(txtInput.Text)
            Catch ex As Exception
                ' An error occurred
                Dim message As String = "No voice found for selected gender and
language"
                MessageBox.Show(message, "Error", MessageBoxButtons.OK,
MessageBoxIcon.Error)
                ' Reset the gender and language selection
                _selectedGender = ""
                cbLanguage.SelectedIndex = -1
                cboVoices.SelectedIndex = -1
                cboVoices.Items.Clear()
                PopulateVoiceList(gender, language)
                ' Clear the gender checkboxes
                rbFemale.Checked = False
                rbMale.Checked = False
            End Try
        End If
    End If
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    End Sub

    Private Sub btnSave_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
btnSave.Click
        If mp3.Checked Then
            Save("mp3")
        ElseIf mp3.Checked Then
            wav.Checked = False
            Save("wav")
        End If



    End Sub
    Private Sub CustomizeForm()
        ' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new form background color
        Dim colorDialog As New ColorDialog()

        If colorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then

            ' Set the form's background color to the selected color
            Me.BackColor = colorDialog.Color
        End If

        ' Show a FontDialog to allow the user to select a new font for the input text
        Dim fontDialog As New FontDialog()
        If fontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the font of the input text to the selected font
            txtInput.Font = fontDialog.Font
        End If
        Dim textColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
        If textColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the color of the input text to the selected color
            txtInput.ForeColor = textColorDialog.Color
        End If
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    ' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the speak
button
    Dim speakColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
    If speakColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the color of the speak button to the selected color
        btnSpeak.BackColor = speakColorDialog.Color
    End If
    Dim speakFontDialog As New FontDialog()
    If speakFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the font of the speak button to the selected font
        btnSpeak.Font = speakFontDialog.Font
    End If
    Dim speakTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
    If speakTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the color of the speak button text to the selected color
        btnSpeak.ForeColor = speakTextColorDialog.Color
    End If

    ' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the cancel
button
    Dim cancelColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
    If cancelColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the color of the cancel button to the selected color
        btnStop.BackColor = cancelColorDialog.Color
    End If
    Dim cancelFontDialog As New FontDialog()
    If cancelFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the font of the cancel button to the selected font
        btnStop.Font = cancelFontDialog.Font
    End If
    Dim cancelTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
    If cancelTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Set the color of the cancel button text to the selected color
        btnStop.ForeColor = cancelTextColorDialog.Color
    End If
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        ' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the customize button
        Dim customizeColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
        If customizeColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the color of the customize button to the selected color
            btnCustomize.BackColor = customizeColorDialog.Color
        End If
        Dim customizeFontDialog As New FontDialog()
        If customizeFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the font of the customize button to the selected font
            btnCustomize.Font = customizeFontDialog.Font
        End If
        Dim customizeTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
        If customizeTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the color of the customize button text to the selected color
            btnCustomize.ForeColor = customizeTextColorDialog.Color
        End If

        ' Show a ColorDialog to allow the user to select a new color for the save button
        Dim saveColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
        If saveColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the color of the save button to the selected color
            btnSave.BackColor = saveColorDialog.Color
        End If
        Dim saveFontDialog As New FontDialog()
        If saveFontDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the font of the save button to the selected font
            btnSave.Font = saveFontDialog.Font
        End If
        Dim saveTextColorDialog As New ColorDialog()
        If saveTextColorDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
            ' Set the color of the save button text to the selected color
            btnSave.ForeColor = saveTextColorDialog.Color
        End If
    End Sub
```

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    Private Sub btnCustomize_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
btnCustomize.Click
        CustomizeForm()
    End Sub

    Private Sub rbFemale_CheckedChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs)
Handles rbFemale.CheckedChanged
        If rbFemale.Checked Then
            rbMale.Checked = False
            _selectedGender = "Female"
        End If
    End Sub

    Private Sub rbMale_CheckedChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs)
Handles rbMale.CheckedChanged
        If rbMale.Checked Then
            rbFemale.Checked = False
            _selectedGender = "Male"
        End If
    End Sub

    Private Sub cbLanguage_SelectedIndexChanged(sender As Object, e As
EventArgs) Handles cbLanguage.SelectedIndexChanged
        If cbLanguage.SelectedIndex <> -1 Then
            ' Set the selected language
            _selectedLanguage = cbLanguage.SelectedItem.ToString()

            ' Populate the voice dropdown list
            PopulateVoiceList(_selectedGender, _selectedLanguage)
        End If
    End Sub
    Private Sub PopulateVoiceList(gender As String, language As String)
        ' Get a list of available voices
        Dim voices As ReadOnlyCollection(Of InstalledVoice) =
synth.GetInstalledVoices()
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        ' Clear the voice dropdown list
        cboVoices.Items.Clear()

        ' Iterate through the list of voices
        For Each voice As InstalledVoice In voices
            ' Check if the voice is in the correct language and gender
            If voice.VoiceInfo.Culture.Name.ToLower() = language.ToLower()
AndAlso
           voice.VoiceInfo.Gender.ToString().ToLower() = gender.ToLower() Then
                ' Add the voice to the dropdown list
                cboVoices.Items.Add(voice.VoiceInfo.Name)
            End If
        Next

        ' Check if the dropdown list has any items
        If cboVoices.Items.Count > 0 Then
            ' Select the first voice in the dropdown list
            cboVoices.SelectedIndex = 0
        End If
    End Sub

    Private Sub PopulateLanguageList()
        ' Get a list of available voices
        Dim voices As ReadOnlyCollection(Of InstalledVoice) =
synth.GetInstalledVoices()

        ' Clear the language dropdown list
        cbLanguage.Items.Clear()

        ' Create a list to store the languages
        Dim languages As New List(Of String)

        ' Iterate through the list of voices
        For Each voice As InstalledVoice In voices
            ' Get the language of the voice
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        Dim language As String = voice.VoiceInfo.Culture.Name

        ' Check if the language is not already in the list
        If Not languages.Contains(language) Then
            ' Add the language to the list
            languages.Add(language)
        End If
    Next

    ' Sort the list of languages
    languages.Sort()

    ' Add the languages to the dropdown list
    For Each language As String In languages
        cbLanguage.Items.Add(language)
    Next
End Sub

Private Sub SynchronizeAudio()
    ' Disable the synchronize audio checkbox
    cbSyncAudio.Enabled = False

    ' Clear the current selection
    txtInput.SelectionStart = 0
    txtInput.SelectionLength = 0

    ' Set the synchronize audio flag
    _syncAudio = True

    ' Set the speaking finished event handler


    AddHandler synth.SpeakProgress, AddressOf Synth_SpeakProgress
    AddHandler synth.SpeakCompleted, AddressOf Synth_SpeakCompleted
    ' Speak the text
    synth.SpeakAsync(txtInput.Text)
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    End Sub

    Private Sub Synth_SpeakCompleted(sender As Object, e As
SpeakCompletedEventArgs)
        ' Reset the synchronize audio flag
        txtInput.SelectAll()
        txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black
        _syncAudio = True
        If _syncAudio Then
            ' Check if the synth object is not paused or stopped
            If synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Paused And synth.State <>
SynthesizerState.Ready Then
                ' Highlight the text being spoken

                txtInput.SelectAll()
                txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black

            End If
        End If

        ' Enable the synchronize audio checkbox
        cbSyncAudio.Enabled = True

    End Sub

    Private Sub Synth_SpeakProgress(sender As Object, e As
SpeakProgressEventArgs)
        ' Check if synchronize audio is enabled
        If _syncAudio Then
            ' Check if the synth object is not paused or stopped
            If synth.State <> SynthesizerState.Paused And synth.State <>
SynthesizerState.Ready Then
                ' Highlight the text being spoken
                txtInput.SelectionStart = e.CharacterPosition
                txtInput.SelectionLength = e.CharacterCount
                txtInput.Focus()
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            txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Red
            txtInput.SelectionStart = 0
            txtInput.SelectionLength = 0
        End If
    End If

End Sub
Private Sub Save(format As String)
    ' Show a SaveFileDialog to allow the user to specify the file name and location to save the audio output
    Dim saveDialog As New SaveFileDialog()
    saveDialog.Filter = "Audio Files|*.mp3;*.wav"
    If saveDialog.ShowDialog() = DialogResult.OK Then
        ' Save the audio output in the specified format to the selected file
        Dim synth As New SpeechSynthesizer()
        Select Case format
            Case "mp3"
                synth.SetOutputToWaveFile(saveDialog.FileName, New SpeechAudioFormatInfo(32000, AudioBitsPerSample.Sixteen, AudioChannel.Mono))
            Case "wav"
                synth.SetOutputToWaveFile(saveDialog.FileName, New SpeechAudioFormatInfo(32000, AudioBitsPerSample.Sixteen, AudioChannel.Mono))
        End Select
        synth.Speak(txtInput.Text)
        synth.SetOutputToDefaultAudioDevice()
    End If
End Sub

Private Sub btnStop_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnStop.Click
    synth.SpeakAsyncCancelAll()
    txtInput.SelectAll()
    txtInput.SelectionColor = Color.Black
End Sub
```

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    Private Sub wav_CheckedChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
wav.CheckedChanged
        If wav.Checked Then
            mp3.Checked = False

        End If

    End Sub

    Private Sub mp3_CheckedChanged(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
mp3.CheckedChanged
        If mp3.Checked Then
            wav.Checked = False

        End If
    End Sub
End Class
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Part 4

Further improvement

Before improvement

Before this improvement, the program did not have any error handling mechanisms in place. This meant that if an error occurred during the text-to-speech conversion process, the program would simply crash without any notification to the user. Additionally, there was no feedback to the user to indicate that the audio output had been saved successfully.

To address these issues, try and catch blocks were introduced to the code to handle any errors that might occur. This ensures that the program does not crash and that the user is notified if an error does occur. In addition, messages were added to let the user know if the audio output was saved successfully or if there was an error during the saving process.

Another improvement made to the program was the addition of tooltips and hover-over text to provide additional information about the controls and their functions. This makes the program more user-friendly, as it allows the user to easily understand what each control does without having to refer to external documentation.

Finally, to make the code easier to understand and maintain, comments were added to explain the purpose of each section of the code. This helps anyone reading the code to quickly grasp what the program is doing and how it is achieving its goals. Overall, these improvements make the program more reliable, user-friendly, and maintainable.

After improvement

In order to improve the user experience of this text-to-speech program, several changes have been made to the design and functionality.

Firstly, the user interface has been redesigned to be more intuitive and user-friendly. This includes the use of tooltips and hover-over text to provide additional information about controls and their functions. This helps users understand how to use the program more easily, without having to search for information or instructions.

In addition to these UI improvements, the program now includes more robust error handling. This includes the use of try-catch statements to catch and handle exceptions that may occur during runtime. This helps to ensure that the program does not crash or become unstable due to unforeseen errors.

Finally, the program now includes more detailed comments to explain what each section of code is doing. This helps to make the program more readable and easier to understand for both developers and users. Overall, these changes have helped to make this text-to-speech program more reliable and user-friendly.