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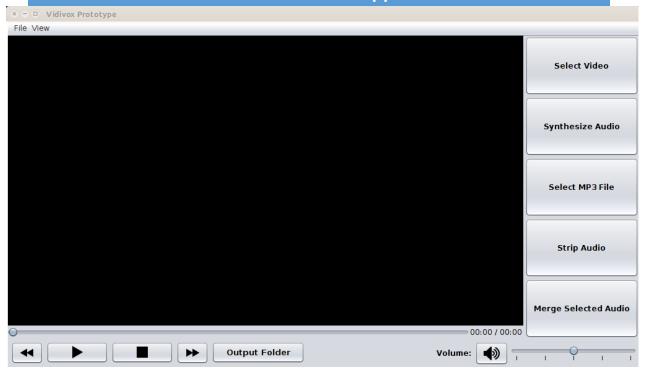
# VIDIVOX USER MANUAL

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## The Vidivox Interface: How it should appear when run



#### How to ensure the Vidivox Media Player runs successfully?

- The Java Runtime Environment used should ideally be 1.7 to ensure icons are successfully loaded into the program
- The "imgs" folder containing icons for the application should be present in the folder with the .jar file used to run Vidivox
- The user should be fully aware of the folder the jar file is located in as any files output by the program will be placed in a folder relative to this jar.
- The application should be run using the code "java –jar VidivoxReleaseBC.jar" given the terminal is currently set to the directory containing the jar file.

#### **Other Dependencies**

- This application is designed to be run on Linux as it uses bash terminal coding
- This application requires Festival to be installed to generate text-to-speech MP3 files
- This application requires FFMPEG to be installed to allow audio to be added or removed from the video files
- This application requires VLC Media Player to be installed for the viewing of video files

#### **Compatible Files**

- Video files must be .avi to be compatible with the editing functionality
- Video files of other types can be played normally by using the All Files option when browsing for a video however they will not be compatible with merging options.
- The audio files to be added are only officially supported as mp3 files but it is possible that other audio files may work as well.

## **Basic Vidivox Functions: Standard Media Player**

#### How to select a video

#### Option 1:

- 1. Given the presence of the side panel select the "Select Video" button
- 2. Browse through the relevant directories in the file chooser to find a video
- 3. When the selection is confirmed the video will automatically load and start playing

#### Option 2:

- 1. If the side panel is hidden, use the File -> Select Video option in the menu bar
- 2. Proceed with Option 1 from Step 2.

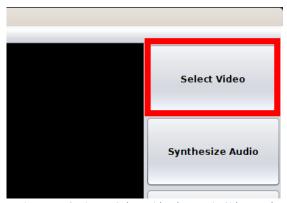


Figure 1 - Option 1: Select Video button in Side Panel

#### How to hide the side panel

- 1. Click on the View menu
- 2. Select the "Toggle Side Panel" option
- 3. This will set the side panel to invisible, allowing the video to take up a greater space
- 4. Press this option again to re-enable the side panel

#### How to resize the window or revert a resize of the window

- 1. Click on the View menu
  - a. To maximise the window, click the "Maximise Media Player" option
  - b. To reset the window to default size, click the "Default Window Size" option
- These options will allow you to maximise the window for a greater viewing experience or reset the window back to the intended visual appearance after the window has been resized.

#### How to quickly seek through the video

#### **Option 1: Forward using Fast-Forward**

- 1. Locate and press this button in the control panel while a video is selected
- **2.** Press the button additional times to increase the rate the video moves forward
- 3. Press the ▶ button to return to regular 1.0x viewing speed



#### **Option 2: Backward using Rewind**

- 1. Locate and press this button in the control panel while a video is selected
- **2.** Press the button additional times to increase the rate the video moves backward



**3.** Press the ▶ button to return to regular viewing speed in the forward direction

#### Option 3: Dragging the progress bar



- 1. Drag the small circular Icon to the position in the video you wish to view from
- 2. This will move the video to that position and continue playing from that point as normal
- **3.** Clicking on a position in the progress bar will move the slider a short distance toward the mouse, whereas dragging will move it there directly.

#### How to mute the video or adjust the volume

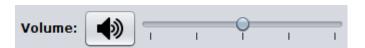


#### **Option 1: Toggle Mute**

- 1. Locate this button on the bottom right of the control panel
- 2. Clicking this button will toggle the volume between muted and unmuted
- 3. When muted the button will have a slightly different appearance to show that it is muted

#### Option 2: Change volume using the slider

- 1. Drag the slider shown below to adjust the volume
- 2. The far left of the slider represents 0% volume
- 3. The far right of the slider represents 200% volume
- 4. Default is in the centre which is 100% or standard volume



### **Advanced Vidivox Functions: General**

#### Setting up the folder where files will be output

- 1. Click the "Output Folder" button
- 2. Input a new name for the output folder and confirm
- 3. The new folder is now where MP3 files and AVI video files will be output

## **Advanced Vidivox Functions: Synthesizing Audio**

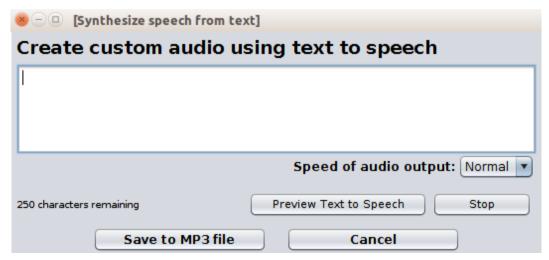


Figure 2 - Synthesize Audio window: Expected appearance

#### How to access the functionality to synthesize speech

- 1. Use this button on the side bar
- 2. This button is accessible regardless of whether a video is selected

Synthesize Audio

#### How to preview the MP3 that will be output

- 1. Ensure text is entered into the text box which will be read out by the synthesized voice
- 2. Press the "Preview Text to Speech" button as shown above
- **3.** To stop the preview, simply press the "Stop" button to the right of the Preview button
- **4.** Stop can only be used to stop the most recent preview that has started.

#### How to modify the speed of the synthesized audio

- 1. Refer to the drop down menu next to "Speed of audio output"
- 2. The default is "Normal" but "Fast" will increase speaking speed and "Slow" will decrease speaking speed
- 3. The speed will also be applied during the preview

#### How to output the speech to an MP3 file

- Ensure text is entered into the textbox which is what will be read out by the synthesized voice
- 2. [Optional] Select a speed of audio output to change the speed of the voice
- 3. Press the "Save to MP3 file" button
- 4. Type in a name for the MP3 file which will be saved to the default output folder
- 5. Alternatively press Cancel at any stage to back out and return to the media player.

## **Advanced Vidivox Functions: Adding Audio**

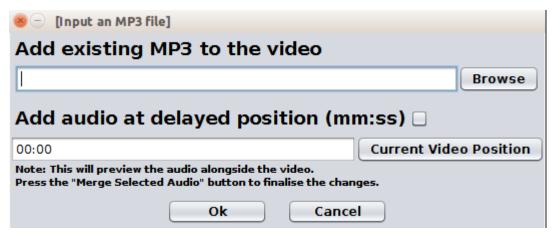


Figure 3 - Add Audio window: Expected appearance

#### How to access the functionality to add audio

- 1. Use this button on the side bar
- 2. This button is only accessible if a video is selected

Select MP3 File

#### How to add an MP3 to the video

- 1. Press the "Browse" button to select an MP3 file
- 2. Confirm the file in the File Chooser and the path will be visible in the textbox shown to the left of browse
- 3. [Optional] Add audio later in the video -> See "How to add audio delayed into the video"
- 4. Press the Ok button to start up a preview of the audio alongside the video
- 5. To finalize the merge of the MP3 into the video file press this button



- 6. Select a name to output the merged video to the default output folder
- 7. The new video if successfully merged will auto-play in the media player

Note: Previewing audio is not compatible with the seeking options, Press the stop button to resync.

### How to add audio delayed into the video

- 1. While following the "How to add an MP3 to the video" before pressing Ok follow these steps
- 2. Select the checkbox after "Add audio at delayed position"
- **3.** In the textbox which defaults to "00:00" enter a timestamp from the video of what position you wish the audio to start playing
- **4.** [Optional] Use the "Current Video Position" button to automatically set the time to the position the video is up to
- 5. Proceed with "How to add an MP3 to the video" by pressing Ok

## **Advanced Vidivox Functions: Removing Audio**

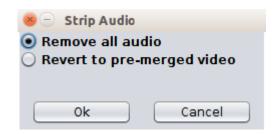


Figure 4 - Strip Audio window: Expected appearance

#### How to access the functionality to remove audio

- 1. Use this button on the side bar
- 2. This button is only accessible if a video is selected



#### How to remove all audio from a video

- 1. Simply leave the radio button on its default selection "Remove all audio"
- 2. Press the Ok button to proceed
- **3.** Name the output file, please attach the valid extension (Most likely .avi) to the end of the name
- 4. The video will now auto play with no audio embedded in it

#### How to revert back to the initially selected video when new audio has been merged

- 1. Change the radio button to the "Revert to pre-merged video" option
- 2. Press the Ok button to proceed
- **3.** The originally selected video will now auto play and is now the selected video.