

# **Text-To-Speech from Scratch**

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ON DISK  
For The ATARI  
400/800

# S.A.M.

Requires  
32K RAM  
ATARI

The **Software Automatic Mouth**™  
Speech Synthesizer on a Disk

Now change  
**SAM's**  
voice with  
"KNOBS"!



With  
**RECITER**  
English Text to  
Speech Program

### Normalization

123



One hundred  
twenty three

### Tokenization

“Hello,  
World!”



1. “Hello”  
2. “World”

### Phoneme...ization

“Dallas”



[ˈdæləs]

### Synthesis

[əˈmɛrɪkə]



# Normalization

```
# Titles
(re.compile(r'\bmr\.'), 'mister'),
(re.compile(r'\bmrs\.'), 'missus'),
(re.compile(r'\bms\.'), 'miss'),
(re.compile(r'\bdr\.'), 'doctor'),
(re.compile(r'\bprof\.'), 'professor'),
(re.compile(r'\brev\.'), 'reverend'),
(re.compile(r'\bgen\.'), 'general'),
(re.compile(r'\bsen\.'), 'senator'),
(re.compile(r'\brep\.'), 'representative'),
(re.compile(r'\bgov\.'), 'governor'),
(re.compile(r'\bcol\.'), 'colonel'),
(re.compile(r'\bcapt\.'), 'captain'),
```

#### # Common abbreviations

```
(re.compile(r'\be\g\.'), 'for example'),
(re.compile(r'\bi\l\.'), 'that is'),
(re.compile(r'\betc\.'), 'et cetera'),
(re.compile(r'\bvs\.'), 'versus'),
(re.compile(r'\bvs\b'), 'versus'),
(re.compile(r'\bet al\.'), 'and others'),
(re.compile(r'\bapprox\.'), 'approximately'),
(re.compile(r'\bdept\.'), 'department'),
(re.compile(r'\bfig\.'), 'figure'),
(re.compile(r'\bno\.'), 'number'),
(re.compile(r'\bpg\.'), 'page'),
(re.compile(r'\bvol\.'), 'volume'),
(re.compile(r'\bch\.'), 'chapter'),
(re.compile(r'\bsec\.'), 'section'),
```

```
# Time
(re.compile(r'\b(a\m\.)'), ' a m '),
(re.compile(r'\b(p\m\.)'), ' p m '),
```

#### # Units (avoiding numbers)

```
(re.compile(r'(?<=\d)\s*ft\.'), ' feet '),
(re.compile(r'(?<=\d)\s*in\.'), ' inches '),
(re.compile(r'(?<=\d)\s*lb\.'), ' pounds '),
(re.compile(r'(?<=\d)\s*lbs\.'), ' pounds '),
(re.compile(r'(?<=\d)\s*oz\.'), ' ounces '),
```

#### # Organizations

```
(re.compile(r'\bcorp\.'), 'corporation'),
(re.compile(r'\bco\.'), 'company'),
(re.compile(r'\binc\.'), 'incorporated'),
(re.compile(r'\bltd\.'), 'limited'),
(re.compile(r'\bl\l\c\.'), ' l l c '),
```

#### # Directions

```
(re.compile(r'\bn\.'), 'north'),
(re.compile(r'\bs\.'), 'south'),
(re.compile(r'\be\.'), 'east'),
(re.compile(r'\bw\.'), 'west'),
(re.compile(r'\bne\b'), 'north east'),
(re.compile(r'\bnw\b'), 'north west'),
(re.compile(r'\bse\b'), 'south east'),
(re.compile(r'\bsw\b'), 'south west'),
```

```
# Parentheses and brackets
(re.compile(r'\('), ' open paren'),
(re.compile(r'\)'), ' close pare
```

```
(re.compile(r'\"'), ' [QUOTE] '),
```

#### # Slashes

```
(re.compile(r'/'), ' slash '),
(re.compile(r'\\'), ' back slash
```

#### # Ampersand

```
(re.compile(r'&'), ' and '),
```

#### # At symbol

```
(re.compile(r'@'), ' at '),
```

#### # Hashtag

```
(re.compile(r'#'), ' hashtag '),
```

#### # Percent sign

```
(re.compile(r'%'), ' percent '),
```

#### # Asterisk

```
(re.compile(r'\*'), ' asterisk '
```

```
# Ampersand
```

```
(re.compile(r'&'), ' and '),
```

## Pattern

\bdr\.

## Replacement

doctor

“i saw doctor smith”

```
--- Running replace_punctuation_and_expand_abbreviations tests ---  
All Tests Passed For replace_punctuation_and_expand_abbreviations()  
  
--- Running numbers_to_words tests ---  
All Tests Passed For numbers_to_words()  
  
--- Running normalize_text tests ---  
All Tests Passed For normalize_text()
```



# Tokenization

The `split()` method splits a string into a list.

```
token = Token("Hello")  
tokens = TokenList(["hello", "world"])
```

**Phonemicization**

# Ghoti

 27 languages 

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*For other uses, see [Ghoti \(disambiguation\)](#).*

**Ghoti** is a creative English respelling of the word *[fish](#)*, used to illustrate irregularities in English spelling and pronunciation.

Ε

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“hello”



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4. o

5. \



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**ARPA**



| ARPABET    |                    | IPA ⇄ | Example(s) ⇄  |
|------------|--------------------|-------|---|
| 1-letter ⇄ | 2-letter ⇄         |       |   |
| a          | AA                 | ɑ~ɒ   | balm, bot (with father–both <span>er</span> merger) |
| @          | AE                 | æ     | bat   |
| A          | AH                 | ʌ     | butt  |
| c          | AO                 | ɔ     | caught, story                                       |
| W          | AW                 | aʊ    | bout  |
| x          | AX                 | ə     | comma   |
| —          | AXR <sup>[3]</sup> | ə̆    | letter, forward                                     |
| Y          | AY                 | aɪ    | bite  |
| E          | EH                 | ɛ     | bet   |
| R          | ER                 | ɜ̄    | bird, foreword                                      |
| e          | EY                 | eɪ    | bait  |
| l          | IH                 | ɪ     | bit   |
| X          | IX                 | ɪ̆    | roses, rabbit                                       |
| i          | IY                 | i     | beat  |
| o          | OW                 | oʊ    | boat  |
| O          | OY                 | ɔɪ    | boy   |
| U          | UH                 | ʊ     | book  |
| u          | UW                 | u     | boot  |
| —          | UX <sup>[3]</sup>  | ʊ̆    | dude  |

| ARPABET    |                         | IPA ⇄ | Example ⇄ |
|------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1-letter ⇄ | 2-letter ⇄              |       |           |
| b          | B                       | b     | buy       |
| C          | CH                      | tʃ    | China     |
| d          | D                       | d     | die       |
| D          | DH                      | ð     | thy       |
| F          | DX                      | r     | butter    |
| L          | EL                      | l̆    | bottle    |
| M          | EM                      | m̆    | rhythm    |
| N          | EN                      | n̆    | button    |
| f          | F                       | f     | fight     |
| g          | G                       | g     | guy       |
| h          | HH or H <sup>[3]</sup>  | h     | high      |
| J          | JH                      | dʒ    | jive      |
| k          | K                       | k     | kite      |
| l          | L                       | l     | lie       |
| m          | M                       | m     | my        |
| n          | N                       | n     | nigh      |
| G          | NX or NG <sup>[3]</sup> | ŋ     | sing      |

| — | NX <sup>[3]</sup> | ʔ  | winter                          |
|---|-------------------|----|---------------------------------|
| p | P                 | p  | pie                             |
| Q | Q                 | ʔ  | uh-oh                           |
| r | R                 | r̆ | rye                             |
| s | S                 | s  | sigh                            |
| S | SH                | ʃ  | shy                             |
| t | T                 | t  | tie                             |
| T | TH                | θ  | thigh                           |
| v | V                 | v  | vie                             |
| w | W                 | w  | wise                            |
| H | WH                | ɰ  | why (without wine–whine merger) |
| y | Y                 | j  | yacht                           |
| z | Z                 | z  | zoo                             |
| Z | ZH                | ʒ  | pleasure                        |




dalke D EY1 L K  
dalkon D AE1 L K AH0 N  
dall D A01 L  
dalla D AE1 L AH0  
dallaire D AA1 L EH0 R  
dallara D AE2 L AA1 R AH0  
dallas D AE1 L AH0 S  
dallas' D AE1 L AH0 S  
dallas's D AE1 L AH0 S IH0 Z  
dalley D AE1 L IY0  
dallhold D A01 L HH OW2 L D  
dalliance D AE1 L IY0 AH0 N S






Rows: 126,052

word  abc 

sound abc 

Filter   

Filter   

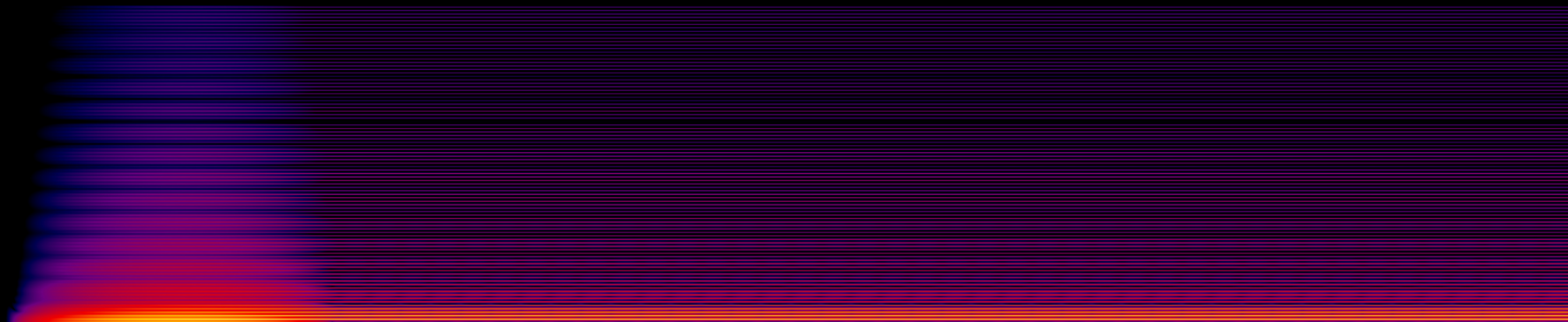
|   |         |                 |
|---|---------|-----------------|
| 1 | 'bout   | B AW1 T         |
| 2 | 'cause  | K AH0 Z         |
| 3 | 'course | K AO1 R S       |
| 4 | 'cuse   | K Y UW1 Z       |
| 5 | 'em     | AH0 M           |
| 6 | 'frisco | F R IH1 S K OW0 |

```
def fallback_pronunciation(TEXT: str, CONNECTION: sqlite3.Connection, CURSOR: sqlite3.Cursor):
    CHARACTERS: list[str] = list(TEXT.strip())
    output: list[str] = []

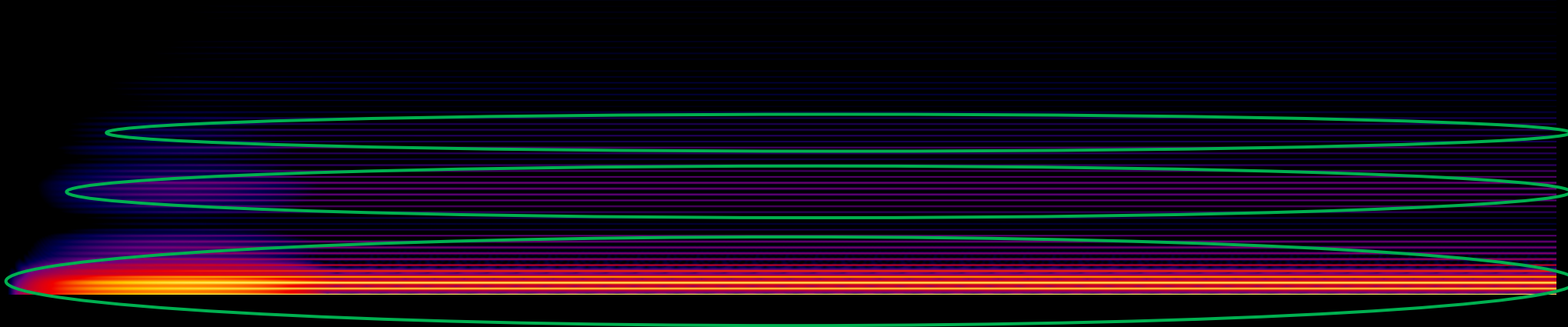
    for CHARACTER in CHARACTERS:
        sound = get_sound_from_db(CHARACTER.lower(), CONNECTION, CURSOR)
        output.append(sound)

    return " ".join(output).strip()
```

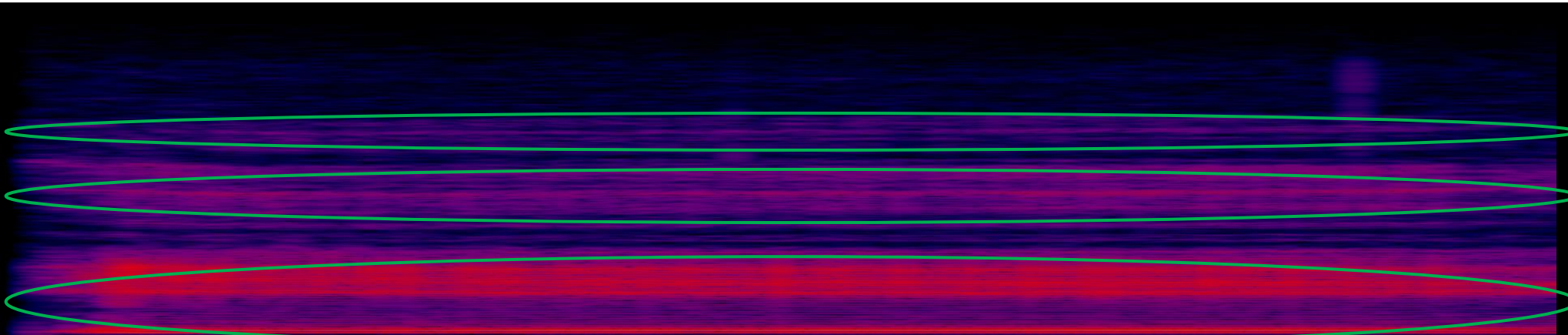
**Synthesis**



**Raw Sound**



**After filters**



**Human  
Sound**

## Control Methods Used in a Study of the Vowels

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Relationships between a listener's identification of a spoken vowel and its properties as revealed from acoustic measurement of its sound wave have been a subject of study by many investigators. Both the utterance and the identification of a vowel depend upon the language and dialectal backgrounds and the vocal and auditory characteristics of the individuals concerned. The purpose of this paper is to discuss some of the control methods that have been used in the evaluation of these effects in a vowel study program at Bell Telephone Laboratories. The plan of the study, calibration of recording and measuring equipment, and methods for checking the performance of both speakers and listeners are described. The methods are illustrated from results of tests involving some 76 speakers and 70 listeners.



TABLE II. Averages of fundamental and formant frequencies and formant amplitudes of vowels by 76 speakers.

|                                  |           | i    | ɪ    | e    | æ    | ɑ    | ɔ    | ʊ    | u    | ʌ    | ɜ    |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Fundamental frequencies<br>(cps) | <i>M</i>  | 136  | 135  | 130  | 127  | 124  | 129  | 137  | 141  | 130  | 133  |
|                                  | <i>W</i>  | 235  | 232  | 223  | 210  | 212  | 216  | 232  | 231  | 221  | 218  |
|                                  | <i>Ch</i> | 272  | 269  | 260  | 251  | 256  | 263  | 276  | 274  | 261  | 261  |
| Formant frequencies (cps)        |           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $F_1$                            | <i>M</i>  | 270  | 390  | 530  | 660  | 730  | 570  | 440  | 300  | 640  | 490  |
|                                  | <i>W</i>  | 310  | 430  | 610  | 860  | 850  | 590  | 470  | 370  | 760  | 500  |
|                                  | <i>Ch</i> | 370  | 530  | 690  | 1010 | 1030 | 680  | 560  | 430  | 850  | 560  |
| $F_2$                            | <i>M</i>  | 2290 | 1990 | 1840 | 1720 | 1090 | 840  | 1020 | 870  | 1190 | 1350 |
|                                  | <i>W</i>  | 2790 | 2480 | 2330 | 2050 | 1220 | 920  | 1160 | 950  | 1400 | 1640 |
|                                  | <i>Ch</i> | 3200 | 2730 | 2610 | 2320 | 1370 | 1060 | 1410 | 1170 | 1590 | 1820 |
| $F_3$                            | <i>M</i>  | 3010 | 2550 | 2480 | 2410 | 2440 | 2410 | 2240 | 2240 | 2390 | 1690 |
|                                  | <i>W</i>  | 3310 | 3070 | 2990 | 2850 | 2810 | 2710 | 2680 | 2670 | 2780 | 1960 |
|                                  | <i>Ch</i> | 3730 | 3600 | 3570 | 3320 | 3170 | 3180 | 3310 | 3260 | 3360 | 2160 |
| Formant amplitudes (db)          | $L_1$     | -4   | -3   | -2   | -1   | -1   | 0    | -1   | -3   | -1   | -5   |
|                                  | $L_2$     | -24  | -23  | -17  | -12  | -5   | -7   | -12  | -19  | -10  | -15  |
|                                  | $L_3$     | -28  | -27  | -24  | -22  | -28  | -34  | -34  | -43  | -27  | -20  |

**live Demo**

**(Don't mess it up)**

