TalkBox Software Requirements Specification

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Purpose and Product Scope

This document specifies the requirements of the TalkBox Software System (henceforth TalkBox). TalkBox is a graphical user interface delivered in two subsystems. The first subsystem, the Simulator, provides users with an easy way to test the configuration and practice the usage of a TalkBox hardware device. The second subsystem, the Configurer, provides users with a simple interface for recording audio and organizing, loading, and saving settings for use with the Simulator or a TalkBox hardware device.

The TalkBox hardware device intends to provide a cost-effective way for speech-impaired individuals to communicate more effectively. TalkBox must provide an easy way for friends and family of a speech-impaired individual to customize the behaviour of a TalkBox hardware device. The Configurer and Simulator must accommodate TalkBox hardware devices of various shapes and sizes and a variable number of buttons.

User Classes and Characteristics

The primary users of TalkBox are family and caretakers of speech-impaired individuals. These primary users are assumed minimally familiar with other software systems. They will use the system frequently and will use all product functions to ensure they provide their family or their charge with the best care.

Secondary users may include friends or guests of the speech-impaired individual. These users will use the software occasionally and will need to quickly become familiar with its usage. Secondary users will use a core subset of the functions of the system.

Terminology

Preconditions are assertions about the system that must be true before the use case begins while *postconditions* are assertions that must be true about the system after the use case has completed.

Basic flow refers to the normal course of events that leads to the success of the use case. *Alternate flows* refer to variations from the basic flow that still lead to the success of the use case. *Exception flows* are exceptional cases that usually indicate an error has occurred or a necessary condition for success has not been met. Exception flows typically do not lead to the

success of the use case but should be handled gracefully such that the application is able to revert to a good state and continue functioning.

The terms *play mode* and *edit mode* refer to modes of the Configurer app. These modes offer different but partially overlapping feature sets. The intention is that *play mode* is when the user wants to use the preview of the Simulator built into the Configurer to play back audio. *Edit mode* on the other hand allows the user to select audio buttons for editing and to record audio to the button.

Simulator Use Cases

Use Case 1 – Load Configuration

Name	**Load Configuration**
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to load configuration settings for the TalkBox Simulator or hardware device so that I may test and confirm my preferred settings and saved audio files are saved and working as I want. This use case begins when a user launches the Simulator by itself and ends when the Simulator finishes displaying the loaded configuration.
Actors	• Simulator • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Simulator app is not open.
Basic Flow	1. The user launches the Simulator using the provided *TalkBoxSim.jar* file 2. The Simulator opens a file chooser dialog box 3. The user selects a valid TalkBox configuration file and clicks open in the file chooser dialog 4. The Simulator loads the selected configuration and its first profile, even if it contains no audio files
Exception Flow 1	3. The user selects an invalid TalkBox configuration file and clicks open in the file chooser dialog 4. The Simulator informs the user that the profile failed to load 5. The Simulator exits

Postconditions	If the TalkBox configuration file selected was valid, the Simulator app is open and idling in a good state. The first profile is loaded, and any available audio files are mapped to the correct button. If the TalkBox configuration file selected was invalid, the Simulator does not launch.

Use Case 2 – Play Button Audio

Name	**Play Button Audio**
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to playback audio to test my saved audio files and their audio button associations. This use case begins when a user clicks an audio button in the Simulator and ends when the Simulator finishes playing back the correct audio file. The audio file should be the correct file associated with the clicked audio button for the currently loaded profile.
Actors	• Simulator • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Simulator app is open and idling in a good state. An audio set profile is currently loaded.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks an audio button in the Simulator 2. The Simulator begins playing back the correct audio file 3. The Simulator finishes playing back the correct audio file
Alternate Flows	3. The user clicks another audio button before the Simulator finishes playing back the current audio file 4. The Simulator stops playback of the current audio file and reinitiates this use case from basic flow step 1
Exception Flow 1	3. The Simulator cannot play back the audio file as it is invalid or missing 4. The Simulator displays a helpful error message describing the button, it's associated audio file path, and why the audio file could not be played
Postconditions	The Simulator app is open and idling in a good state. No audio is playing. The profile loaded before this use case is still loaded.

Use Case 3 – Switch Profiles (Audio Sets)

Name	Play Button Audio
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to switch profiles to test my saved audio files and their audio button associations across all of my saved profiles. This use case begins when a user clicks one of the fixed profile buttons labeled profile 1, profile 2, or profile 3 or when a user clicks the swap button. This use case ends when the Simulator finishes loading the correct audio set. The swap button cycles through all available profiles linearly starting from the currently loaded profile.
Actors	• Simulator • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Simulator app is open and idling in a good state. An audio set profile is currently loaded.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks one of the following buttons: profile 1, profile 2, profile 3, or swap 2. The Simulator loads the correct profile as indicated by the button or loads the next available profile, cycling back to the first if the last profile is currently loaded
Alternate Flows	None
Exception Flow 1	2. If the profile to be loaded does not exist, then the Simulator does nothing else and the use case ends
Postconditions	The Simulator app is open and idling in a good state. Either a new profile is loaded according to the button clicked or the profile loaded before this use case is still loaded.

Configurer Use Cases

Use Case 1 – Load Configuration

Name	Load Configuration
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to load configuration settings for the TalkBox so that I may modify settings or record new button audio. This use case begins when a user launches the Configurer by

	itself and ends when the Configurer finishes displaying the loaded configuration.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is not open.
Basic Flow	1. The user launches the Configurer using the provided *TalkBoxConfig.jar* file 2. The Configurer opens a file chooser dialog box 3. The user selects a valid TalkBox configuration file and clicks open in the file chooser dialog 4. The Configurer loads the selected configuration and its first profile, even if it contains no audio files
Alternate Flow 1	3. The user selects a directory which does not contain a configuration file named precisely *TalkBoxData.tbc* 4. The Configurer creates a *TalkBoxData* directory in the chosen directory 5. The Configurer creates a *TalkBoxData.tbc* configuration file in the *TalkBoxData* directory created in step 4 6. The Configurer loads the generated *TalkBoxData.tbc* configuration file and its first profile
Exception Flow 1	3. The user selects an invalid TalkBox configuration file and clicks open in the file chooser dialog 4. The Configurer informs the user that the profile failed to load 5. The Configurer exits
Postconditions	If the TalkBox configuration file selected was valid, the Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The first profile is loaded, and any available audio files are mapped to the correct button. If the TalkBox configuration file selected was invalid, the Configurer did not launch.

Use Case 2 – Play Button Audio

Name	**Play Button Audio**

Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to playback audio to test my saved audio files and their audio button associations. This use case begins when a user clicks an audio button in the Configurer and ends when the Configurer finishes playing back the correct audio file. The audio file should be the correct file associated with the clicked audio button for the currently loaded profile.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. A profile is currently loaded. The Configurer is in *play mode*.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks an audio button in the Configurer 2. The Configurer begins playing back the correct audio file 3. The Configurer finishes playing back the correct audio file
Alternate Flow 1	3. The user clicks another audio button before the Configurer finishes playing back the current audio file 4. The Configurer stops playback of the current audio file and reinitiates this use case from basic flow step 1
Exception Flow 1	3. The Configurer cannot play back the audio file as it is invalid or missing 4. The Configurer displays a helpful error message describing the button, it's associated audio file path, and why the audio file could not be played
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. No audio is playing. The profile loaded before this use case is still loaded. The Configurer is in *play mode*.

Use Case 3 – Switch Profiles (Audio Sets)

Name	**Play Button Audio**
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to switch profiles to test my saved audio files and their audio button associations across all my saved profiles. This use case begins when a user clicks one of the fixed profile buttons labeled `profile 1`, `profile 2`, or `profile 3` or when a user clicks the `swap` button. This use case may also begin when the user selects a profile from the profiles list and clicks `load profile`.

	This use case ends when the Configurer finishes loading the correct audio set. The swap button cycles through all available profiles linearly starting from the currently loaded profile.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. A profile is currently loaded. The Configurer is in *play mode*.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks one of the following buttons: profile 1, profile 2, profile 3, swap, or load profile 2. The Configurer loads the correct profile as indicated by the button label or the currently highlighted profile in the profiles list. If the swap buttons is used the Configurer loads the next available profile, cycling back to the first if the last profile is currently loaded
Alternate Flows	None
Exception Flow 1	2. If the profile to be loaded does not exist, then the Configurer does nothing else and the use case ends
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. Either a new profile is loaded according to the button clicked or the profile loaded before this use case is still loaded. The Configurer is in *play mode*.

Use Case 4 – Delete Profile (Audio Set)

Name	**Delete Profile Configuration**
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to delete profiles that I no longer need so I can focus on the ones that do. This use case begins when a user clicks the delete profile button in the Configurer and ends when the Configurer removes the currently selected profile in the profiles list.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. A profile is currently loaded.

Basic Flow	1. The user clicks the delete profile button 2. The Configurer warns the user that the delete operation is permanent and asks if they are sure they want to proceed 3. The user clicks ok to proceed 4. The Configurer deletes the currently selected profile from disk 5. The Configurer removes the currently selected profile from the interface 6. The Configurer selects the next profile above the deleted profile in the profiles list
Alternate Flow 1	3. The user clicks cancel to stop this use case from proceeding 4. The Configurer closes the warning dialog and returns to its state before the use case was initiated
Exception Flow 1	4. The Configurer cannot find the currently selected profile on disk 5. Resume from basic flow step 5
Exception Flow 2	4. The Configurer cannot delete the profile from disk 5. The Configurer informs the user that the profile could not be deleted and that they should check if the profile is open in another program
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The profile loaded before this use case is still loaded and displayed.

Use Case 5 – Create Profile (Audio Set)

Name	**Create Profile Configuration**
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to create profiles so I can organize sets of audio files and their button associations and so my charge can easily switch between sets of audio. This use case begins when a user clicks the create profile button in the Configurer and ends when the Configurer finishes displaying the new profile in the profile menu.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users

Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. A profile is currently loaded.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks the create profile button 2. The Configurer creates a new, automatically named, profile that is saved to disk as a folder of the same name 3. The Configurer adds the profile name to the end of the profiles list
Alternate Flow 1	2. The Configurer finds a folder with the same name already on disk uses it to store the newly created profile's data 3. Resume from basic flow step 3
Exception Flow 1	2. The Configurer cannot create a new folder on disk to hold the profile because of a write access issue 3. The Configurer displays a user-friendly error message and does not create a new profile
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. A profile is currently loaded. If the basic flow was successfully completed, then one new profile has been added. Otherwise the profiles list is unchanged.

Use Case 6 – Record Button Audio

Name	**Record audio associated with an audio button**
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to record new audio files and associate them with buttons so my charge can play them back using the TalkBox hardware device to communicate. This use case begins when a user clicks an audio button while in *edit mode* and ends when the user clicks the microphone button to end the recording.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The Configurer is in *edit mode*.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks an audio button to select it for editing 2. The user clicks the microphone button to begin recording

	3. The Configurer begins recoding audio from a connected microphone device and changes the icon and label of the microphone button to indicate it is recording 4. The user clicks the microphone button to end recording 5. The Configurer associates the recorded audio file to the button selected for editing
Alternate Flows	None
Exception Flow 1	3. The Configurer is unable to find or access a microphone device 4. The Configurer changes the icon and label of the microphone button to indicate that a recording device is unavailable 5. The Configurer displays a message below the microphone button asking the user to connect a recording device and try clicking the microphone button again
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The Configurer is in *edit mode*. The audio button selected during this use case has the newly recorded audio associated with it.

Use Case 7 – Update Number of Audio Buttons

Name	**Update Number of Audio Buttons**
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to set the number of audio buttons to match my TalkBox hardware device so I can configure my TalkBox settings in the right context. This use case begins when a user enters a number into the update number of buttons text field and ends when the user hits enter or clicks the update number of buttons button.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks the update number of buttons text field 2. The user types a positive value 3. The Configurer sets the number of buttons to that entered by the user
Alternate Flow 1	3. The user types non-positive value or non-numeric value

	4. The Configurer does not alter the number of buttons and informs the user that a positive numeric value is required
Exception Flows	None
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The number of buttons is the same as the number of buttons set during the use case.

Use Case 8 – Rename Audio Button

Name	Rename Audio Button
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to set the button names so that I can remember what audio file is associated with a button at a glance and so I can label my TalkBox hardware device appropriately. This use case begins when a user enters a string into the update button label text field and ends when the user hits enter or clicks the update button label button.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The Configurer is in edit mode and a button is selected for editing
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks the update button label text field 2. The user types a textual string value 3. The Configurer sets the label of the currently selected button to the entered string value
Alternate Flows	None
Exception Flows	None
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The button label of the selected audio button is updated.

Use Case 9 – Save TalkBox Configuration Settings

Name	Save Settings
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to save my configuration settings so I can load them into the TalkBox simulator or hardware device for testing or for use by my charge. As a primary or secondary

	user, I want to set the number of audio buttons to match my TalkBox hardware device so I can configure my TalkBox settings in the right context. This use case begins when a user clicks the save settings button and finishes when the Configurer finishes writing the current settings to disk.
Actors	• Configurer • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks the save settings button 2. The Configurer writes the current configuration settings to disk in the TalkBoxData setup at launch in Use Case 1, overwriting existing settings
Alternate Flows	None
Exception Flow 1	2. The Configurer is unable to write to disk 3. The Configurer warns the user that the current settings were not saved
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The configuration settings saved on disk match the settings displayed by the Configurer.

Use Case 10 – Launch Simulator from Configurer

Name	**Launch Simulator**
Description	As a primary or secondary user, I want to rapidly test my current configuration in the Simulator without having to launch it as a separate application. This use case begins when a user clicks the launch simulator button and ends when the Simulator app finishes launching.
Actors	• Configurer • Simulator • Primary Users • Secondary Users
Preconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state.
Basic Flow	1. The user clicks the launch simulator button

	2. The Configurer tells the user that settings will be saved and overwritten before launching the simulator and if they would like to proceed 3. The user clicks yes 4. The Configurer saves and overwrites settings 5. The Configurer launches the simulator providing it the path to the TalkBoxData directory 6. The Simulator loads the configuration settings from disk
Alternate Flow 1	3. The user clicks no 4. The Configurer does not save settings or launch the simulator 5. The Configurer returns to idling as before the use case
Exception Flow 1	4. The Configurer is unable to write to disk 5. The Configurer warns the user that the current settings could not be saved, and the Simulator could not be launched 6. The Configurer returns to idling as before the use case
Postconditions	The Configurer app is open and idling in a good state. The Simulator is open and idling in a good state. The configuration settings saved on disk match the settings displayed by the Configurer and by the Simulator.

Configurer Acceptance Tests

Each use case will be tested separately. An acceptance test either passes or fails, there is no partial success.

RULE 1: While in edit mode exactly one audio button is always selected for editing

ID	GIVEN	WHEN	THEN
01	Configurer is in play mode	User clicks switch modes	Configurer switches to edit mode AND selects either button 1 OR the last button selected while in edit mode for editing
02	Configurer is in edit mode	User clicks an audio button	Configurer deselects the current audio

			button AND selects the clicked audio button for editing
03	Configurer is in edit mode	User clicks switch modes	Configurer deselects the current audio button AND switches to play mode
04	Configurer is in edit mode and the *nth* button is selected	User updates the button number to less than *n*	The Configurer selects button 1 after the number of buttons has been updated

RULE 2: Only allow recording audio when in edit mode

ID	GIVEN	WHEN	THEN
01	Configurer is in edit mode	User clicks microphone button	Configurer begins recording
02	Configurer is NOT in edit mode	User clicks microphone button	Nothing happens

RULE 3: Only allow updating number of buttons to a positive number

ID	GIVEN	WHEN	THEN
01	Configurer is in edit mode	User clicks microphone button	Configurer begins recording
02	Configurer is NOT in edit mode	User clicks microphone button	Nothing happens

RULE 4: Only one simulator is ever kept open by the Configurer

ID	GIVEN	WHEN	THEN
01	Configurer has launched a Simulator	User clicks the launch simulator button	Configurer informs user that only one

			Simulator may be launched at a time

RULE 5: If there is a launched Simulator, closing the Configurer also closes the Simulator

ID	GIVEN	WHEN	THEN
01	Configurer has launched a Simulator	User closes the Configurer	The launched Simulator and the Configurer are both closed

RULE 6: Simulator launch forces settings to be saved to keep Configurer and Simulator in sync

ID	GIVEN	WHEN	THEN
01	Configurer has no launched Simulator	User clicks launch simulator AND THEN yes in the dialog box confirming that settings will be overwritten	Settings are saved overwriting existing settings on disk

Operating Environment

The TalkBox Software System uses Java and the Java Virtual Machine. The TalkBox Software System will run on any operating system that runs version 1.8 or higher of the Java Virtual Machine.

Design and Implementation Constraints

The TalkBox hardware device will run Java software on the Java Virtual Machine. The hardware device will deserialize a Java object byte stream. The object byte stream will be stored in a file by the Configurer and transferred to the file system of the Raspberry Pi connected to the hardware device.