

## **CereProc CereVoice Cloud User Guide**

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## Introduction

The CereVoice Cloud is a text-to-speech (TTS) web service. It can be used to speech enable internet-connected applications via a C/C++, C#, Objective-C, PHP, Java or Python interface, or any other language or technology that supports SOAP or REST requests. The CereVoice Cloud User Guide describes the <u>CereVoice Cloud API</u> for use by developers, and a set of example programs.

Terms of use can be found in the <u>CereVoice Cloud Terms and Conditions</u>, you must agree to these terms to use the CereVoice Cloud service.

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## Signing Up for the CereVoice Cloud

To sign up for the CereVoice Cloud:

- 1. You must first be a registered CereProc website user. To become a CereProc user fill in the <u>User Registration Form</u>.
- 2. Once you have been registered as a CereProc user, navigate to the <u>CereVoice Cloud Registration</u> page.
- 3. You will then be asked to input an email address which will be associated with your CereVoice Cloud account. A validation email will be sent to this address containing a confirmation link.
- 4. Click the link sent to the submitted email address. This will activate your CereVoice Cloud account and you will receive another email containing your *accountID* and *password*, which you will need to access the service.

**IMPORTANT**: always keep your *accountID* and *password* private, and do not publicly expose the credentials in any service or application that uses the CereVoice Cloud. The password can be reset using the instructions below.

## **Resetting Your CereVoice Cloud Credentials**

To reset your CereVoice Cloud credentials, navigate to the <u>CereVoice Cloud Reset</u> page. There, you will be asked to input the email address used to sign up to the service. A confirmation link will be sent to this email to confirm the request for the credentials to be reset. Once this link is clicked, a new password will be sent to the user via email.

## **CereVoice Cloud Credits**

CereVoice Cloud credit is required to generate TTS output, 1 credit = 1 character of text input. A free tier of credit is provided to all registered CereVoice Cloud users, providing 10,000 characters of text input per month. Additional credit can be purchased from the <u>CereProc Store</u>:

- 1. <u>CereVoice Cloud 100k Credit</u> £24.99 (100,000 credits)
- 2. <u>CereVoice Cloud 1M Credit</u> £149.99 (1,000,000 credits)

Euro and dollar pricing can be selected in the store. Cloud credit products are only visible to logged in CereVoice Cloud users.

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## **Recommended Input**

CereProc recommends the use of XML input documents, especially the W3C standard <u>Speech Synthesis Markup</u> <u>Language</u> (SSML). XML markup is required for some functionality, such as markers and emotional synthesis. Plain text input is also supported (mixing XML markup within an invalid text document is not recommended).

## Simple Speak function

The CereVoice Cloud speakSimple() function synthesises input text with the selected voice.

```
function speakSimple(accountID, password, voice, text)
```

#### Parameters:

- account ID User account ID
- password User account password for validation
- **voice** Name of the voice to be used for synthesis. This can be an empty string, in which case a default voice will be used. The value is one of the voice names returned by listVoices(). The default voice for this function is *Heather*.
- text Text or XML input string to synthesise

#### Return:

```
Array containing output parameters:
- fileUrl
- Output audio file URL for download
- charCount
- Number of characters used in this request
- resultCode
- Return code of the function
- resultDescription
- Human-readable description of the return code
```

## **Extended Speak Function**

The extendedSpeak () function allows for more control over the audio output (see <u>Using 3D Audio</u> or <u>Using</u> Metadata for more information these features).

#### Parameters:

- account ID User account ID
- password User account password for validation
- **voice** Name of the voice to be used for synthesis. This can be an empty string, in which case a default voice will be used. The value is one of the voice names returned by listVoices(). The default voice for this function is *Heather*.
- text Text or XML input string to synthesise
- audioFormat The audio format encoding of the returned synthesis. The value is one of the formats returned by listAudioFormats(). The default value is ogg (wav and mp3 are also supported). Can be

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an empty string, in which case the default will be used.

- **sampleRate** The sample rate to be used for the output audio. Currently 22050 is supported. Can be an empty string, in which case the default will be used.
- audio3D A boolean value which can be set to activate the 3D Audio Library, defaults to *False*. Can be an empty string, in which case the default will be used.
- **metadata** A boolean value to which can be set to retrieve the metadata associated with the speech, defaults to *False*. Can be an empty string, in which case the default will be used.

#### Return:

```
Array containing output parameters:
- fileUrl
- Output audio file URL for download
- charCount
- Number of characters used in this request
- resultCode
- Return code of the function
- resultDescription
- Human-readable description of the return code
- metadataUrl
- Output XML file containing speech metadata
```

### **List Voices Function**

The CereVoice Cloud listVoices () function outputs information about the voices available on the Cloud.

```
function listVoices(accountID, password)
```

#### Parameters:

- accountID User account ID
- password User account password for validation

#### Return:

```
Array of VoiceArray(s), containing output parameters:
 - sampleRate
   - the sample rate of the voice
 - voiceName
    - the name of the voice
 - languageCodeISO
    - the two-letter classification code of the language used by the voice (ISO 639),
     required for uploading user lexicons and abbreviations
 - countryCodeISO
     - the two-letter country code for the voice
 - accentCode
    - the two-letter CereProc accent code for the voice, required for uploading user lexicons
 - sex
    - the gender of the voice
 - languageCodeMicrosoft
    - the corresponding Microsoft code to the country code
 - country
    - the country of the voice
 - region
    - the region of the voice
 - accent
    - the accent of the voice
```

## **Upload Lexicon Function**

The CereVoice Cloud uploadLexicon() function uploads and stores a custom lexicon file, to be used with speakSimple() and speakExtended() during synthesis. A custom lexicon can be used to add or override new pronunciations to the TTS output. Once a user lexicon has been uploaded, it will be used in synthesis with voices in the specified language and accent. The user lexicon is not shared with other accounts. See <u>below</u> for information on the file format.

function uploadLexicon(accountID, password, lexiconFile, language, accent)

- account ID User account ID
- password User account password for validation
- lexiconFile URL location of the custom user lexicon
- language The two-letter language code (ISO 639) associated with the lexiconFile
- accent The two-letter CereProc accent code associated with the lexiconFile. See CereProc Accent Codes

#### Return:

```
Array containing the output parameters:
- resultCode
- Return code of the function
- resultDescription
- Human-readable description of the return code
```

### **Adding User Lexicons**

In order for the CereVoice Cloud to use a custom lexicon, that custom lexicon must be uploaded to the CereVoice Cloud. To do this, the API function uploadLexicon() can be used. The user lexicon file *must* be available to download via HTTP. This means that you must provide the function with a URL that the CereVoice Cloud can access (for example, a public location on your web server, in Amazon S3, or Dropbox). Once this function has returned, the CereVoice Cloud will have stored a copy of your custom lexicon.

#### **User Lexicon Format**

The user lexicon format consists of a *headword* and *pronunciation*, one per line. Example lexicon line (English RP):

```
mourinho m_@@0_r_ii1_n_y_ou2
```

The headword should be lower case, and consist of alphabetic characters only (to process a string that includes non-alphabetic characters, use an <u>abbreviations file</u>). Vowel phonemes, such as @@, ii and ou in the example pronunciation, can have stress levels specified. The stress levels are I for primary stress, 2 for secondary stress, and 0 for no stress.

Each accent has a different phone set. Different user lexicons are required for British and American voices, for example. However, the same user lexicon could be used between voices with the same accent, for example the *Sarah* and *William* English RP voices. See <u>Appendix 2</u> for the CereVoice phone sets with example pronunciations.

If words with accented characters are added, the encoding must be UTF-8.

#### **CereProc Accent Codes**

The CereProc accent codes for the current voices are:

Accent	Language	Accent ID
Received Pronunciation	en	rp
General American	en	ga
Scottish	en	sc
Irish	en	ie
Sexy French	en	sf
Catalan	es	ca
Metropolitan French	fr	fr
Italian	it	it
Hochdeutsch	de	hd

## List Lexicon(s) Function

The CereVoice Cloud listLexicon() function lists the custom lexicon files available for synthesis on the CereVoice Cloud.

```
function listLexicons(accountID, password)
```

#### Parameters:

- account ID User account ID
- password User account password for validation

#### Return:

```
Array of LexiconArray(s), containing output parameters:
- url
- the url of the lexicon file
- language
- the two-letter language code of the lexicon file (ISO 639)
- accent
- the two-letter !CereProc accent code of lexicon file
- lastModified
- the date the file was last modified
- size
- the size (in bytes) of the file
```

## **Upload Abbreviations Function**

The CereVoice uploadAbbreviations () function uploads and stores a custom abbreviation file, to be used with speakSimple() and speakExtended() during synthesis. User abbreviations can be used to expand mixed case tokens, or tokens including digits, into words. Once a custom abbreviation file has been uploaded, it will be used in synthesis with voices in the specified language.

```
function uploadAbbreviation(accountID, password, lexiconFile, language)
```

- accountID User account ID
- password User account password for validation
- lexiconFile URL location of the custom user lexicon

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• language - The two-letter language code (ISO 639) associated with the abbreviationFile

#### Return:

```
Array containing the output parameters:
- resultCode
- Return code of the function
- resultDescription
- Human-readable description of the return code
```

### **Adding User Abbreviations**

In order for the CereVoice Cloud to use a custom abbreviation file, that custom abbreviation must be uploaded to the CereVoice Cloud. To do this, the API function uploadAbbreviations() can be used. The user abbreviation file *must* be available to download via HTTP. This means that you must provide the function with a URL that the CereVoice Cloud can access (for example, a public location on your web server, in Amazon S3, or Dropbox). The user abbreviation file is not shared with other accounts. Once this function has returned, the CereVoice Cloud will have stored a copy of your custom abbreviation file.

#### **User Abbreviations Format**

The user lexicon format consists of a *token*, *no break flag*, and *replacement text*, line-by-line. Example entries (taken from the current CereProc abbreviation list):

```
3G 0 three g
7/11 0 seven eleven
Dr 1 doctor
FAQ 0 f a:letter q
```

The first column is a whitespace-delimited *token* in the input text. The second column, the *no break flag*, describes the handling of punctuation following the token. When set to *1*, following punctuation is ignored. In the examples, this would cause "Dr. Johnson" to be read without a pause between the words.

Some languages, such as English, have single letters that can be pronounced differently in an acronym compared to free text. The letter pronunciation can be ensured by adding : letter after the letter (see the example for FAQ).

## List Abbreviation(s) Function

The CereVoice Cloud listAbbreviations () function lists the custom abbreviation files that are available for synthesis on the CereVoice Cloud.

```
function listAbbreviations(accountID, password)
```

#### Parameters:

- account ID User account ID
- password User account password for validation

#### Return:

```
Array of AbbreviationArray(s), containing output parameters:
- url
- the url of the abbreviation file
- language
```

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```
the two-letter code of the language for these abbreviations (ISO 639)
lastModified
the date the file was last modified
size
the size (in bytes) of the file
```

## **List Audio Format(s)**

Use the CereVoice listAudioFormats () function to list the available audio encoding formats available for synthesis on the CereVoice Cloud. The current formats are ogg, wav, and mp3.

```
function listAudioFormats(accountID, password)
```

#### Parameters:

- account ID User account ID
- password User account password for validation

#### Return:

```
An associative array of strings containing:
- audioFormat
- the type of audio encoding available for synthesis
```

#### **Get Credit Function**

The CereVoice Cloud getCredit() function retrieves the credit information for the given account. 1 credit = 1 character of text input.

```
function getCredit(accountID, password)
```

#### Parameters:

- accountID User account ID
- password User account password for validation

#### Return:

```
Array containing output parameters:
- freeCredit
- the remaining amount of free credit available on the supplied account.
- paidCredit
- the remaining amount of paid credit available on the supplied account.
- charsAvailable
- Number of characters that can be synthesised
```

Free credit is deducted first, until their is no free credit remaining, at which point the paid credit will be deducted for subsequent synthesis requests. The free credit amount is reset at the start of each month.

## speakSimple with SOAP

SOAP is a protocol for exchanging structured information between Web Services. To see the WSDL description of the CereVoice Cloud, navigate to (<a href="https://cerevoice.com/soap/soap\_1\_l.php?wsdl">https://cerevoice.com/soap/soap\_1\_l.php?wsdl</a>). The following code examples show how to make SOAP requests to the CereVoice Cloud.

#### **Python**

CereProc recommends the use of the lightweight Python SOAP client <u>Suds</u>. Below is a code example of a speakSimple() request using Suds:

By printing the request to the console, we obtain an output similar to:

```
(reply) {
   fileUrl = "https://cerevoice.s3.amazonaws.com/Stuart2205018a7a9d9cf14613cb6046ef85.ogg"
   charCount = 24
   resultCode = 1
   resultDescription = "Successful Synthesis"
}
```

Programmatically, however, we have not ascertained whether the response was successful nor can we make use of the url from which we can obtain our synthesised text. To check the resultCode and access the output URL:

```
if(request.resultCode != 1):
    print "ERROR: request failed -", request.resultDescription
else:
    print "URL:", request.fileUrl
```

This code will now alert you to a failed request, for example:

```
ERROR: request failed - XML was not well formed. Please check your request.
```

Or print the URL from which you can obtain the synthesis:

```
URL: https://cerevoice.s3.amazonaws.com/Stuart2205018a7a9d9cf14fc9cb6046ef85.ogg
```

#### PHP

Below is an example of a SOAP request using PHP's SOAP module. When using a SOAP client in PHP, PHP must have been compiled with --enable-soap.

#### Java

Below is an example of a SOAP request in Java. CereProc recommends the use of the *wsimport* command for *JAX-WS* applications (<u>wsimport</u>). The *wsimport* tool will automatically generate the Java artefacts needed to communicate with the CereVoice Cloud.

```
import javax.xml.ws.Holder;
import https.cerevoice_com.soap.cloudservice.CereVoiceCloud;
import https.cerevoice_com.soap.cloudservice.CereVoiceCloudPortType;
public class Client {
   public static void main(String [] args) {
        try {
            CereVoiceCloud cere = new CereVoiceCloud();
            Holder<String> url = new Holder<String>();
            Holder<Integer> char_count = new Holder<Integer>();
            Holder<Integer> res_code = new Holder<Integer>();
            Holder<String> res_des = new Holder<String>();
            cere.getCereVoiceCloudPort().speakSimple(accountID, password, "Heather",
                                                      "Java soap speak simple", url,
                                                     char_count, res_code, res_des);
            if(res_code.value != 1)
               System.out.println("ERROR: request failed - " + res_des.value);
            else
                System.out.println("URL: " + url.value);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            System.err.println(e.toString());
   }
```

#### C

Below is an example of a SOAP request in ANSI C. CereProc recommends the use of the *wsdl2h* facility provided by <u>gSOAP</u>. Like the *wsimport* provided for Java, gSOAP will provide libraries and automatically generate header files needed to communicate with the CereVoice Cloud via C.

```
#include "soapH.h"
#include "CereVoiceCloudBinding.nsmap"
```

```
int main(void) {
 struct soap soap;
 const char end_point[] = "https://cerevoice.com/soap/soap_1_1.php?wsdl";
 const char soap_action[] = "#speakSimple";
 soap_init1(&soap, SOAP_XML_INDENT);
 struct ns4__speakSimpleResponse * response = NULL;
 response = (struct ns4__speakSimpleResponse *)malloc(sizeof
                                                        (struct ns4__speakSimpleResponse*));
  char * acc_id = "accountID";
  char * pswrd = "password";
 char * voice = "William";
 char * text = "C soap speak simple";
 if(soap_call_ns4__speakSimple(&soap, end_point, soap_action, acc_id, pswrd, voice, text,
                                response) == SOAP_OK) {
    if(response->resultCode != 1) {
     printf("ERROR: request failed - %s", response->resultDescription)
     return 0;
   else
     printf("URL: %s\n", response->fileUrl);
 else {
   soap_print_fault(&soap, stderr);
  soap_destroy(&soap);
  soap_end(&soap);
  soap_done(&soap);
  return 0;
```

#### C#

When using a SOAP client in C#, Microsoft provide some WSDL code generation tools (e.g. <u>Service References</u>, and <u>Web References</u>).

```
using System;
using System. IO;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Net;
using System. Text;
namespace SoapClient
 class Client
   static void Main(string[] args)
      CereVoice.CereVoiceCloudPortType cere = new CereVoice.CereVoiceCloudPortTypeClient();
     CereVoice.speakSimpleRequest request = new CereVoice.speakSimpleRequest(accountID,
                 password, "Isabella", "c sharp soap speak simple");
      CereVoice.speakSimpleResponse response = new CereVoice.speakSimpleResponse();
      response = cere.speakSimple(request);
      if (response.resultCode != 1)
         Console.WriteLine("ERROR: request failed - " + response.resultDescription);
         Console.WriteLine("URL: " + response.fileUrl);
         return;
```

```
}
}
```

### **Objective C (iOS)**

CereProc recommends the use of the code generation facility provided by <u>SudzC</u>. Below is an example of a SOAP request made to the CereVoice Cloud using the downloaded code generated from SudzC. The code below will make a speakSimple() request and print the response to the debug console of an iPhone.

```
#import "ObjectiveCSoapAppDelegate.h"
#import "CereVoiceCloud.h"
@implementation ObjectiveCSoapAppDelegate
@synthesize window;
- (void)applicationDidFinishLaunching:(UIApplication *)application {
    // Override point for customization after application launch
   CereVoiceCloud* cere = [[CereVoiceCloud alloc] init];
    SoapRequest* request = [cere speakSimple:self action:@selector(handleSpeakSimple:)
                            accountID:@"accountID" password:@"password" voice:@"Adam"
                            text:@"objective c soap speak simple"];
    [request setDeserializeTo:nil];
    [window makeKeyAndVisible];
  (void) handleSpeakSimple: (id) value {
    if([value isKindOfClass:[NSError class]] || [value isKindOfClass:[SoapFault class]]) {
        NSLog(@"NSError encountered: %@", value);
    if(![value isKindOfClass:[NSMutableDictionary class]]) {
        NSLog(@"Not a dictionary");
   NSString* resultCode = [value objectForKey:@"resultCode"];
   if(![resultCode isEqualToString:@"1"]) {
       NSLog(@"INFO: request failed - %@", [value objectForKey:@"resultDescription"]);
   else {
       NSLog(@"FILE URL: %@", [value objectForKey:@"fileUrl"]);
  (void) dealloc {
    [window release];
    [super dealloc];
@end
```

## speakSimple with REST

The RESTful implementations of the CereVoice Cloud API functions follow the same definitions as the SOAP WSDL (<a href="https://cerevoice.com/soap/soap-1-1.php?wsdl">https://cerevoice.com/soap/soap-1-1.php?wsdl</a>). The main difference however is that the request to be sent to CereVoice Cloud, **must** be in XML.

Below are a few examples of REST requests sent to the CereVoice Cloud via HTTP POST. Unlike the examples until now, we must first create the request, then post it to the Cloud. Using the <u>CereVoice Cloud API</u> definitions as

a starting point, we can easily form an XML request which we can then send to the CereVoice Cloud.

### Creating a request

First, we'll take the API definition of speakSimple():

```
function speakSimple(accountID, password, voice, text)
```

The 4 arguments this function requires are:

- accountID
- password
- voice
- text

By taking the arguments needed for each individual function and specifying which function it is we'd like to call, we can form the following template XML request:

Finally we place the values for each argument in their corresponding XML tags and we have a valid request to send to the CereVoice Cloud.

### **Python**

The following code is an example of a speakSimple () REST request in Python.

By printing the content of the request to the console, we would obtain an ouput similar to:

```
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<speakSimpleResponse>
  <fileUrl>https://cerevoice.s3.amazonaws.com/Caitlin220501a07d448e0ef1a0b66a.ogg</fileUrl>
  <charCount>17</charCount>
  <resultCode>1</resultCode>
  <resultDescription>Successful Synthesis</resultDescription>
  </speakSimpleResponse>
```

Programmatically however, we have not ascertained whether the response was successful nor can we make use of the url of the synthesised text. Therefore, it is better programming practice to use your favourite XML parser to parse the reply from the CereVoice Cloud, check the resultCode and act accordingly. For example:

```
reply = ET.XML(content)
if(reply.find("resultCode").text == '0'):
    print "ERROR: request failed -", reply.find("resultDescription").text
else:
    print "URL:", reply.find("fileUrl").text
```

This code will now alert you to a failed request:

```
ERROR: request failed - Requested voice 'blankvoice' is not available on the server
```

Or print the url from which you can obtain the synthesis:

```
URL: https://cerevoice.s3.amazonaws.com/Heather2205018a7a9d9c6e461359cb6046ef85.ogg
```

#### **PHP**

Below is a REST request being sent to the CereVoice Cloud via POST, using PHP's curl library.

#### Java:

Below is a REST request made to the CereVoice Cloud using HTTP POST in Java.

```
try {
        URL u = new URL("https://cerevoice.com/rest/rest_1_1.php");
        URLConnection uc = u.openConnection();
        HttpURLConnection connection = (HttpURLConnection) uc;
        connection.setDoOutput(true);
        connection.setDoInput(true);
        connection.setRequestMethod("POST");
        connection.setRequestProperty("Content-Type","text/xml; charset=utf-8");
        connection.setRequestProperty("Content-Length", String.valueOf(xml));
        OutputStream out = connection.getOutputStream();
        Writer wout = new OutputStreamWriter(out);
        wout.write(xml);
        wout.flush();
        wout.close();
        InputStream in = connection.getInputStream();
        while ((c = in.read()) != -1) System.out.write(c);
        in.close();
                 . . .
           Using your favourite Java XML Parser,
           parse the XML output, check that resultCode is
           equal to 1 and act accordingly
                 . . .
    catch (Exception e) {
        System.err.println(e);
    }
}
```

#### C

The following is a REST request made to the CereVoice Cloud via ANSI C using libcurl to send the request via POST.

```
#include <curl/curl.h>
#include <curl/easv.h>
int main(void) {
   CURL *curl;
   CURLcode res;
   curl = curl_easy_init();
   if(curl) {
       curl_easy_setopt(curl,CURLOPT_URL,"https://cerevoice.com/rest/rest_1_1.php");
       curl_easy_setopt(curl,CURLOPT_POSTFIELDS,"<?xml version='1.0'?>
                                                  <speakSimple>
                                                  <accountID>accountID</accountID>
                                                  <password>password</password>
                                                  <voice>Katherine
                                                  <text>C rest speak simple</text>
                                                  </speakSimple>");
       res = curl_easy_perform(curl);
```

#### C#

Example REST request sent to the CereVoice Cloud via C#.

```
using System;
using System. IO;
using System.Net;
using System. Text;
namespace restclient
  class Client
      public static void Main (string[] args)
         WebRequest request = WebRequest.Create("https://cerevoice.com/rest/rest_1_1.php");
         request.Method = "POST";
         string postData = "<?xml version='1.0'?>"
                           + "<speakSimple>"
                           + "<accountID>accountID</accountID>"
                           + "<password>password</password>"
                           + "<voice>Kirsty</voice>"
                           + "<text>C sharp rest speak simple</text></speakSimple>";
         byte[] byteArray = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(postData);
         request.ContentType = "text/xml";
         request.ContentLength = byteArray.Length;
         Stream dataStream = request.GetRequestStream();
         dataStream.Write(byteArray, 0, byteArray.Length);
         dataStream.Close();
         WebResponse response = request.GetResponse();
         dataStream = response.GetResponseStream();
         StreamReader reader = new StreamReader(dataStream);
         XmlDocument xml = new XmlDocument();
         xml.Load(XmlReader.Create(new StringReader(reader.ReadToEnd())));
         XmlNodeList resultCode = xml.GetElementsByTagName("resultCode");
         if (String.Compare(resultCode[0].InnerText, "1", true) != 0)
             Console.WriteLine("INFO: request failed - " + xml.GetElementsByTagName(
                               "resultDescription") [0].InnerText);
         else
             Console.WriteLine("FILE URL: " + xml.GetElementsByTagName("fileUrl")[0].
                               InnerText);
```

```
}
}
```

### **Objective-C**

Below is a REST request made to the CereVoice Cloud using Objective-C. (note that this code requires a version of OS  $X \ge 10.6$ ).

```
#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
int main(void) {
  NSAutoreleasePool *pool = [[NSAutoreleasePool alloc] init];
  NSURL* url = [NSURL URLWithString:@"https://cerevoice.com/rest/rest_1_1.php"];
  NSMutableURLRequest *request = [NSMutableURLRequest requestWithURL:url];
  NSString * str = [NSString stringWithFormat:@"<?xml version=\"1.0\"?>
                    <speakSimple><accountID>accountID</accountID>
                    <password>password</password><voice>Stuart</voice><text>Objective
                    C rest speak simple</text></speakSimple>"];
  [request setHTTPMethod:@"POST"];
   [request setValue:@"application/xml; charset=utf-8" forHTTPHeaderField:@"Content-Type"];
  [request setHTTPBody:[str dataUsingEncoding:NSUTF8StringEncoding]];
  NSURLResponse * response = [[NSURLResponse alloc] init];
  NSError * error = nil;
  NSData * dataReply = [NSURLConnection sendSynchronousRequest:request
                        returningResponse:&response error:&error];
  NSString * stringReply = [[NSString alloc] initWithData:dataReply
                              encoding:NSASCIIStringEncoding];
  NSLog(@"string reply: %@", stringReply);
  [pool release];
          . . .
  /*
    Using your favourite Objective-C XML Parser,
    parse the XML output, check that resultCode is
    equal to 1 and act accordingly
```

### **URL**

Alternatively, all the API functions can be invoked from the address bar of a browser. The url can be created by including the parameter names and values after the CereVoice REST location. An example address would be:

```
https://cerevoice.com/rest/rest_1_1.php?method=speakExtended&accountID=accountID&password=password&voice=Heather&text=speak+extended+rest+url&audioFormat=mp3&sampleRate=22050&audio3D=True&metadata=True
```

## **Result Codes**

```
# SUCCESS/ERROR
CS_FAILURE = 0
CS_SUCCESS = 1
```

## **Using Metadata**

To obtain the metadata associated with the synthesised input, set the *metadata* parameter of the speakExtended() function to *TRUE*. Contained within the response from the CereVoice Cloud, will be an item metadataUrl. Like fileUrl, this will be the URL location of the metadata file. Below is an example of the metadata output.

```
<trans>
 <phone name="sil" start="0.000" end="0.015"/>
 <word name="hello" start="0.015" end="0.015"/>
 <phone name="h" start="0.015" end="0.183"/>
 <phone name="@" start="0.183" end="0.250"/>
 <phone name="1" start="0.250" end="0.414"/>
 <phone name="ou" start="0.414" end="0.565"/>
 <mark name="cptk_0_0_5_5" start="0.565" end="0.565"/>
 <word name="world" start="0.565" end="0.565"/>
 <phone name="w" start="0.565" end="0.728"/>
 <phone name="@@" start="0.728" end="0.895"/>
 <phone name="1" start="0.895" end="1.088"/>
 <phone name="d" start="1.088" end="1.205"/>
 <mark name="cptk_6_6_6_6" start="1.205" end="1.205"/>
 <phone name="sil" start="1.205" end="1.757"/>
 <phone name="sil" start="1.757" end="1.773"/>
```

## **Using 3D Audio**

## Introduction

The 3D Audio library allows generation of stereo output, and audio generated within a 3D space. The audio stream can be located within stereo space from +90 (full left) to -90 degrees (full right) using panning.

Alternatively, a "true 3D" positioning can be performed using HRTF obtained from the <u>LISTEN</u> database. Any position from -180 to +180 degrees can be used, although it will be rounded to the closest 15 degree step. Elevation can range -45 to +45 degrees with steps of 15 degrees.

### **Audio Marks**

3D audio effects are triggered by standard bookmarks in the XML input.

The marker names are:

- NZConvolve\_<filtername> Convolve all following audio items with this filter
- NZPanning\_<panning position =-90->+90> Pan the voice from this position
- NZHrtf\_<angle from -180 to 180>[;<elevation from -45 to 45>] Perform HRTF with this angle and elevation
- NZHead\_<hrtf id> Use HRTF head corresponding to that file; 50 heads from the LISTEN database are available, named listen1002 .. listen1059.

#### Example input:

# **Using Multiple Voices**

The CereVoice Cloud allows the use of multiple voices during synthesis. By placing tags around the input text, the user is able to assign specific text to specific voices. For example, if the following call was sent to the CereVoice Cloud:

The text - Hello, my name is Heather. is spoken by Heather, whilst the rest is spoken by Stuart.

## **CereProc Tag Set**

CereProc has implemented additional TTS functionality that is not part of the <u>SSML</u> specification.

## **Variant Tags**

The *variant* tag allows the user to request a different version of the synthesis for a particular section of speech. This is a very useful tag that can be used to make sections of speech sound more appropriate, or to vary otherwise repetitive content. The variant number can be increased to produce different versions of the speech. The original version is equivalent to variant 0. For example, to change the version of the word *test* in *This is a test sentence*, use:

```
<s>
  This is a <usel variant="1">test</usel> sentence.
</s>
```

Setting *variant="2"* produces another different version, and so on. The variant tag can be used to produce a bespoke rendering of a particular piece of speech. For example, an often-used speech prompt could be tuned to give a different rendering if desired.

#### **Vocal Gestures**

Non-speech sounds, such as laughter and coughing, can be inserted into the output speech. The <spurt> tag is used with an audio attribute to select a *vocal gesture* to include in the synthesis output, for example:

```
<speak>
  <spurt audio="g0001_004">cough</spurt>, excuse me, <spurt audio="g0001_018">err</spurt>, hello.
</speak>
```

The <spurt> tag cannot be empty, however the text content of the tag is not read, it is replaced by the gesture.

See the List of vocal gesture IDs for the full list of available gestures.

## **Emotion Tags**

Available in voices with emotional support (for example *Adam*, *Caitlin*, *Heather*, *Isabella*, *Jack*, *Jess*, *Katherine*, *Kirsty*, *Laura*, *Sarah*, *Stuart*, 'Suzanne', *William*).

## **Happy Emotion Tag**

For example:

```
<s>
  Today, <voice emotion='happy'>the sun is shining.</voice>
</s>
```

## **Sad Emotion Tag**

```
<s>
The outbreak<voice emotion='sad'>cast a shadow</voice> over the former
Victorian holiday resort.
</s>
```

## **Calm Emotion Tag**

```
<s>
  The beautiful gardens have been restored to all their
  <voice emotion='calm'>eccentric Victorian splendour.</voice>
</s>
```

### **Cross Emotion Tag**

```
When people leave a tip they want to know it will
  <voice emotion='cross'> not be used</voice> to make up the minimum wage.
</s>
```

## **Obtaining Support**

CereProc offers support via email. There are two methods of contacting CereProc Support:

## **Support Requests**

The fastest way to contact CereProc Support is via a support request. First <u>log in</u> to the CereProc website. Registered users can then access the <u>support request form</u>. Please select the appropriate product from the list and submit the support request.

### **Direct Email**

CereProc support can be emailed at support@cereproc.com. However, queries sent to this address may take longer to reach the appropriate technical support representative than requests sent using the support request form.

# List of vocal gesture IDs

These IDs can be used to insert a 'vocal gesture' (non-speech sound) into synthesis.

Note that gesture *g0001\_035* is available in Scottish voices only.

Gesture ID	Gesture content
g0001_001	tut
g0001_002	tut tut
g0001_003	cough
g0001_004	cough
g0001_005	cough
g0001_006	clear throat
g0001_007	breath in
g0001_008	sharp intake of breath
g0001_009	breath in through teeth
g0001_010	sigh happy
g0001_011	sigh sad
g0001_012	hmm question
g0001_013	hmm yes
g0001_014	hmm thinking
g0001_015	umm
g0001_016	umm
g0001_017	err
g0001_018	err
g0001_019	giggle
g0001_020	giggle
g0001_021	laugh
g0001_022	laugh
g0001_023	laugh
g0001_024	laugh
g0001_025	ah positive
g0001_026	ah negative
g0001_027	yeah question
g0001_028	yeah positive
g0001_029	yeah resigned
g0001_030	sniff
g0001_031	sniff
g0001_032	argh
g0001_033	argh
g0001_034	ugh
g0001_035	ocht

g0001_036	yay
g0001_037	oh positive
g0001_038	oh negative
g0001_039	sarcastic noise
g0001_040	yawn
g0001_041	yawn
g0001_042	snore
g0001_043	snore phew
g0001_044	ZZZ
g0001_045	raspberry
g0001_046	raspberry
g0001_047	brrr cold
g0001_048	snort
g0001_050	ha ha (sarcastic)
g0001_051	doh
g0001_052	gasp

## CereVoice English RP (Southern English) Phone Set

Upper-case phonemes are *archiphonemes*, they can only exist word-finally and are converted to the lower-case equivalent by context rules.

Phoneme	Example Word	Example pronunciation
@	the (reduced)	dh_@
@@	nurse	n_@@_r_s
a	trap	t_r_a_p
aa	palm	p_aa_m
ai	price	p_r_ai_s
au	mouth	m_au_th
b	bee	b_ii
ch	each	ii_ch
d	dye	d_ai
dh	then	dh_e_n
e	dress	d_r_e_s
e@	square	s_k_w_e@_R
ei	face	f_ei_s
f	fan	f_a_n
g	guy	g_ai
h	hat	h_a_t
i	kit	k_i_t
i@	near	n_i@_R
ii	fleece	f_l_ii_s
jh	edge	e_jh
k	key	k_ii
1	lay	l_ei
m	me	m_ii
n	knee	n_ii
ng	song	s_o_ng
o	lot	l_o_t
oi	choice	ch_oi_s
00	thought	th_oo_t
ou	goat	g_ou_t
p	pea	p_ii
r	ray	r_ei
s	sea	s_ii
sh	she	sh_ii
t	tea	t_ii
th	thin	th_i_n
u	foot	f_u_t

u@	cure	k_y_u@_r
uh	strut	s_t_r_uh_t
uu	goose	g_uu_s
V	van	v_a_n
W	way	w_ei
у	yes	y_e_s
Z	zoom	z_uu_m
zh	beige	b_ei_zh
R	for	liaison_/r/

# CereVoice English SC (Scottish) Phone Set

Phoneme	Example Word	Example pronunciation
@	the (reduced)	dh_@
@@	nurse	n_@@_s
a	trap	t_r_a_p
aa	palm	p_aa_m
ai	price	p_r_ai_s
au	mouth	m_au_th
b	bee	b_ii
ch	each	ii_ch
d	dye	d_ai
dh	then	dh_e_n
e	dress	d_r_e_s
ei	face	f_ei_s
f	fan	f_a_n
g	guy	g_ai
h	hat	h_a_t
i	kit	k_i_t
ii	fleece	f_l_ii_s
jh	edge	e_jh
k	key	k_ii
1	lay	l_ei
m	me	m_ii
n	knee	n_ii
ng	song	s_o_ng
o	lot	l_o_t
oi	choice	ch_oi_s
00	thought	th_oo_t
ou	goat	g_ou_t
p	pea	p_ii
r	ray	r_ei
S	sea	s_ii
sh	she	sh_ii

t	tea	t_ii
th	thin	th_i_n
u	foot	f_u_t
uh	strut	s_t_r_uh_t
uu	goose	g_uu_s
V	van	v_a_n
w	way	w_ei
Х	loch	l_o_x
у	yes	y_e_s
z	zoom	z_uu_m
zh	beige	b_ei_zh

# CereVoice English GA (General American) Phone Set

Upper-case phonemes are *archiphonemes*, they can only exist word-finally and are converted to the lower-case equivalent by context rules.

Example Word	Example pronunciation
balm	b_aa_m
trap	t_r_ae_p
strut	s_t_r_ah_t
caught	k_ao_t
mouth	m_aw_th
the (reduced)	dh_ax
rice	r_ay_s
bee	b_iy
each	iy_ch
dye	d_ai
bother	b_ah_dx_er
then	dh_e_n
dress	d_r_eh_s
butter	b_ah_dx_er
face	f_ey_s
fan	f_ah_n
guy	g_ay
hat	h_a_t
hit	h_ih_t
fleece	f_1_iy_s
edge	e_jh
key	k_iy
lay	l_ey
me	m_iy
knee	n_iy
song	s_o_ng
goat	g_ow_t
	trap strut caught mouth the (reduced) rice bee each dye bother then dress butter face fan guy hat hit fleece edge key lay me knee song

oy	choice	ch_oy_s
p	pea	p_iy
r	ray	r_ey
S	sea	s_iy
sh	she	sh_iy
t	tea	t_iy
th	thin	th_ih_n
uh	foot	f_uh_t
uw	loose	l_uw_s
v	van	v_a_n
w	way	w_ey
у	yes	y_eh_s
Z	zoom	z_uw_m
zh	beige	b_ey_zh
R	for	liaison_/r/

## **CereVoice German Phone Set**

Phoneme	Example Word	Example pronunciation
@	machen	m_a_x_@_n
a	Anfang	q_a_n_f_a_ng
ah	Zahn	ts_ah_n
ae	hätte	h_ae_t_e
aeh	spät	sh_p_aeh_t
e	Pedal	p_e_d_a_l
eh	Leder	l_eh_d_er
i	still	sh_t_i_l
ih	Niere	n_ih_r_@
o	Motte	m_o_t_@
oh	Dose	d_oh_z_@
oi	Leute	l_oi_t_@
oe	könnte	k_oe_n_t_@
oeh	schön	sh_oeh_n
u	bunt	b_u_n_t
uh	Mut	m_uh_t
ue	hübsch	h_ue_p_sh
ueh	rügen	r_ueh_g_@_n
p	Prinz	p_r_i_n_ts
b	Abend	q_ah_b_@_n_t
t	Hütte	h_ue_t_@
d	jeder	j_eh_d_er
g	Auge	q_au_g_@
k	Kunst	k_u_n_s_t
f	Affe	q_a_f_@

v	warum	v_ah_r_u_m
s	Tasse	t_a_s_@
Z	Hase	h_ah_z_@
zh	Genie	zh_eh_n_ih
sh	Schiff	sh_i_f
th	think	th_i_ng_k
dh	that	dh_ae_t
dzh	Djungle	dzh_u_ng_@_l
tsh	deutsch	d_oi_tsh
m	mein	m_ai_n
n	nein	n_ai_n
	Ding	d_i_ng
ng 1	bald	b_a_l_t
W	water	w_o_t_er
i	Jahr	j_ah_rv
<u>,</u>	Rat	r_ah_t
rv	Herde	h_ae_rv_d_@
rl	traffic	t_rl_ae_f_i_k
h	Hafen	h_ah_f_@_n
ch	sicher	z_i_ch_er
	Buch	
X	Vater	b_uh_x f ob t or
er	Teint	f_ah_t_er
en	Chance	t_en sh_an_s_@
an	Pardon	
on	Parfum	p_a_rv_d_on
oen		p_a_rv_f_oen
ts nf	Zahl	ts_ah_l
pf ai	Pfund	pf_u_n_t
	weiß	v_ai_s
au	Auto	au_t_oh
ei	Steak	s_t_ei_k
q	Ast	<u>q_a_s_t</u>

# CereVoice Spanish Phone Set

Phoneme	Example Word	Example pronunciation
@	girona	jh_i0_r_o1_n_@
a	casa	k_a1_s_a0
b	boca	b_o1_k_a0
v	abate	a0_v_a1_t_e0
ch	churro	ch_u1_rr_o0
d	dedo	d_e1_df_o0
df	dedo	d_e1_df_o0
e	este	e1_s_t_e0

ee	aquest	a_k_ee1_s_t
f	fe	f_e1
g	gato	g_a1_t_o0
gf	aboga	a0_v_o1_gf_a0
x	jota	x_o1_t_a0
i	ti	t_i0
j	miedo	m_j_e1_d_o0
jj	peine	p_e1_jj_n_e
у	yate	y_a1_t_e0
jh	girona	jh_i1_r_o0_n_a0
k	que	k_e1
1	libro	l_i1_b_r_o0
11	lloro	ll_o1_r_o0
m	mano	m_a1_n_o0
n	no	n_o0
ng	kong	k_o1_ng
ny	eñe	e1_ny_e0
0	yo	j_00
00	os	oo1_s
p	pan	p_a1_n
r	pera	p_e1_r_a0
rr	perro	p_e1_rr_o0
s	si	s_i0
sh	show	sh_o1_w
t	tu	t_u1
th	cero	th_e1_r_o0
u	tu	t_u1
w	cuatro	k_w_a1_t_r_o0
ww	pausa	p_a1_ww_s_a0
ZZ	urtzi	u1_r_t_zz_i0
В	boda	vellar_b
D	dedo	vellar_d
G	gato	vellar_g
R	ser	coda_r

## **CereVoice French Phone Set**

Upper-case phonemes are *archiphonemes*, they can only exist word-finally or word-initially and are converted to the lower-case equivalent by context rules. They are mainly used to handle liaisons in French. Many phones in that list (a, ai, ch, dh, e@, ei, h, i@, jh, oi, oo, ou, r, th, u@, uh, un, uu, R, Z) are only relevant for the bilingual French-English voice, and using them in a purely French voice will probably lead to undesired results.

Phoneme	Example Word	Example pronunciation
aa	pas	p_aa_ZZ
a	palm	p_a_m

ai	price	p_r_ai_s
e	paix	p_e
an	pan	p_an
au	peau	p_au
b	bas	b_aa_ZZ
ch	each	ii_ch
sh	chat	sh_aa_TT
d	deux	d_ex_ZZ
dh	then	dh_e_n
@	ce	s_@
e@	square	s_k_w_e@_R
ee	les	l_ee_ZZ
ei	face	f_ei_s
ex	deux	d_ex_ZZ
f	faim	f_in
g	gain	g_in
h	hat	h_aa_t
i	kit	k_i_t
i@	near	n_i@_R
ii	pis	p_ii_ZZ
in	pain	p_in
zh	joue	zh_u
jh	edge	e_jh
k	coup	k_u
1	loup	l_u
m	mou	m_u
n	nous	n_u_ZZ
ng	song	s_o_ng
ny	poigne	p_wa_ny
oi	choice	ch_oi_s
@@	peur	p_@@_rr
on	pont	p_on_TT
00	thought	th_oo_t
ou	goat	g_ou_t
0	port	p_o_rr
u	pou	p_u
p	pas	p_aa_ZZ
r	ray	r_ei
rr	riz	rr_ii_ZZ
s	sa	s_aa
t	ta	t_aa
th	thin	th_i_n
u@	cure	k_y_u@_r
uh	strut	s_t_r_uh_t

un	dumping	d_un_p_ii_n_g
uu	goose	g_uu_s
уу	put	p_yy_TT
uy	lui	l_uy_ii
v	va	v_aa
w	poids	p_w_aa_ZZ
у	nier	n_y_ee_RR
z	aise	e_z
wa	poids	p_wa_ZZ
wi	point	p_wi_TT
yn	pion	p_yn
ye	fiais	f_ye_ZZ
ya	fia	f_ya
yo	rafiot	rr_aa_f_yo
yz	fiez	f_yz
R	for	liaison_r
Z	cats	plural_aphone
ZZ	pas	liaison_z
TT	doit	liaison_t
NN	rien	liaison_n
KK	gag	liaison_k
PP	drap	liaison_p
RR	premier	liaison_r
НН	hache	h_aspire
EE	centre	reduction_@

## **CereVoice Italian Phone Set**

Phoneme	Example Word	Example pronunciation
a	casa	k_a1_s_a0
b	bocca	b_o1_kd_a0
bd	pubblico	p_u0_bd_1_i1_k_o0
ch	cena	ch_e1_n_a0
chd	braccio	b_r_a1_chd_j_o0
d	dado	d_a1_d_o0
dd	cadde	k_a1_dd_e0
dg	giro	dg_i1_r_o1
dgd	maggio	m_a1_dgd_j_o0
dz	zona	dz_oa1_n_a0
dzd	mezzo	m_ee1_dzd_o0
e	rete	r_e1_t_e0
ee	festa	f_ee1_s_t_a0
f	fuga	f_u1_g_a0
fd	beffa	b_ee1_fd_a0

G	gatto	g_a1_td_o0
g		f_u1_gd_a0
gd	fugga gli	gl_i1
gl gld	aglio	a1_gld_j_o0
		gn_oa1_m_o0
gn	gnomo	
gnd :	bagno pino	b_a1_gnd_o0
:	piano	p_i1_n_o0
1-		p_j_a1_n_o0
k 1	caso	k_a1_s_00
kd	COCCO	k_oa1_kd_o0
1 1	libro	l_i1_b_r_o0
<u>ld</u>	pollo	p_oa1_ld_o0
m	mano	m_a1_n_o0
md	mamma	m_a1_md_a0
<u>n</u>	no	n_o0
nd	nonno	n_oa1_nd_o0
ng	panca	p_a1_ng_a0
0	dove	d_o1_v_e1
oa	foto	f_oa1_t_o0
p	pane	p_a1_n_e0
pd	pappa	p_a1_pd_a0
r	pera	p_e1_r_a0
rr	carro	k_a1_rr_o
s	si	s_i1
sd	cassa	k_a1_sd_a0
sh	scia	sh_i1_a0
shd	lascia	l_a1_shd_j_a0
t	tu	t_u1
td	petto	p_ee1_td_o0
ts	zitto	ts_i1_td_o0
tsd	pazzo	p_a1_tsd_o0
u	scudo	s_k_u1_d_o0
v	valle	v_a1_ld_e0
vd	ovvio	o1_vd_j_o0
w	quadro	k_w_a1_d_r_o0
z	sbaglio	z_b_a1_g1_j_o0
zh	garage	g_a0_r_a1_zh

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