



USER MANUAL FOR ANIMA V3



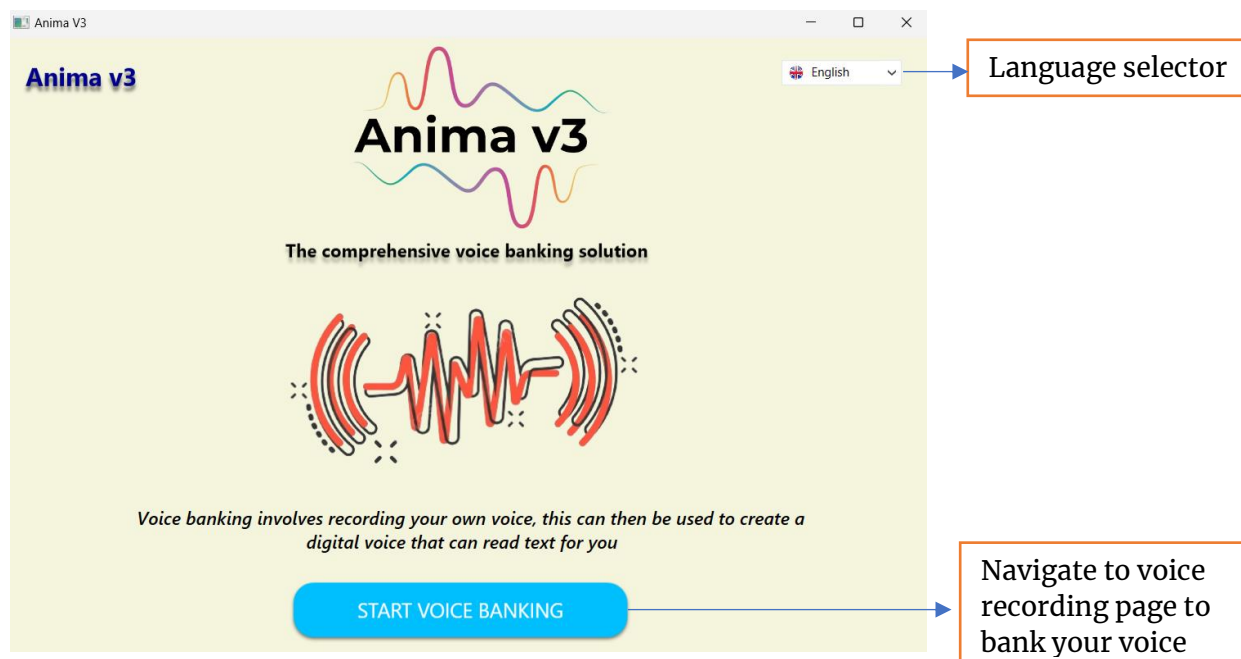
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Introduction

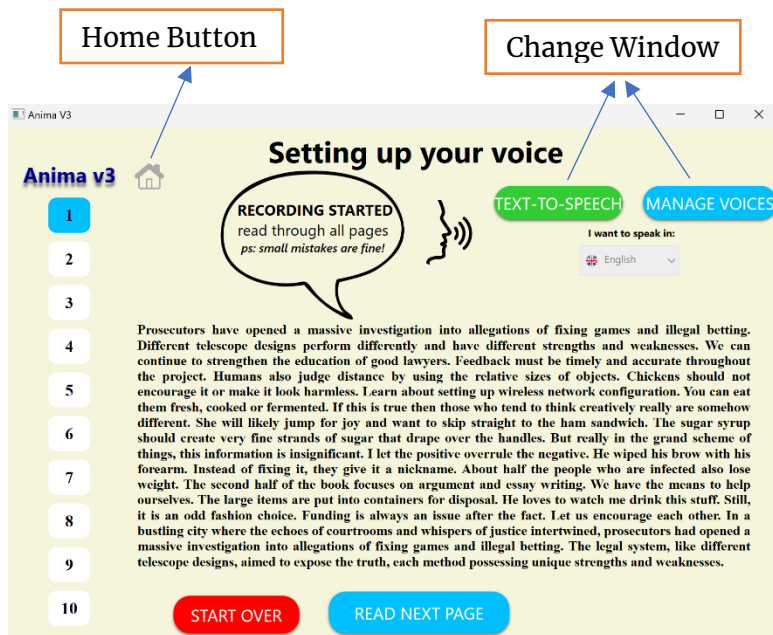
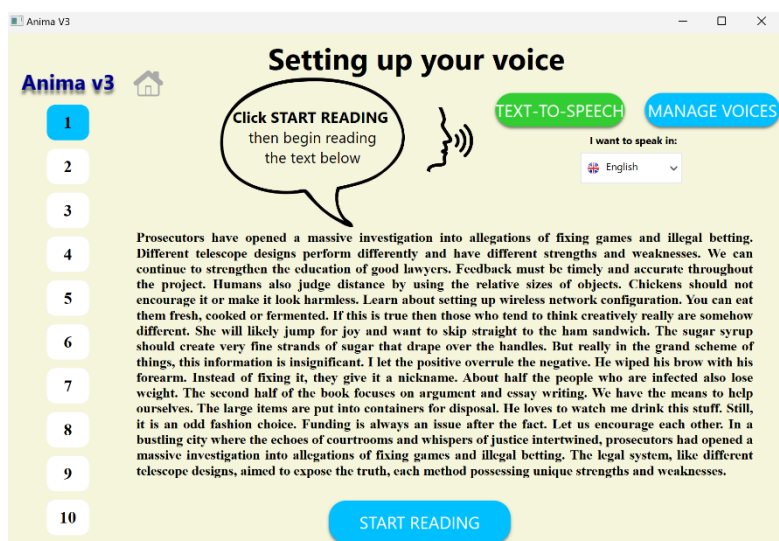
Anima is a voice-banking solution designed specifically for individuals affected by motor neuron diseases, such as ALS. These diseases gradually diminish muscle control, leading to the loss of speech. Voice banking, the process of preserving one's own voice as a digital asset, becomes crucial for maintaining a sense of self and communication. Anima's aim is to make access to this technology commonplace by providing a free and high-quality voice-banking alternative.

First-Time User Set-up



Above is the page that comes up when a you open up Anima.exe for the first time. In this page you get to the decide which language you want your voice to be stored in. Currently the only options are English, Portuguese and French. After selecting the language, you can proceed to the next page where you will bank their voice by reading a text prepared for them via clicking the blue button at the bottom of the page.

Banking Your Voice Window



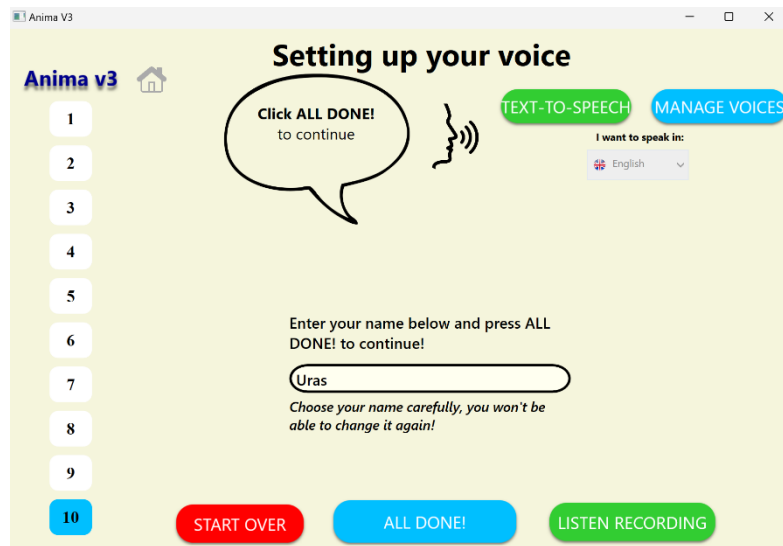
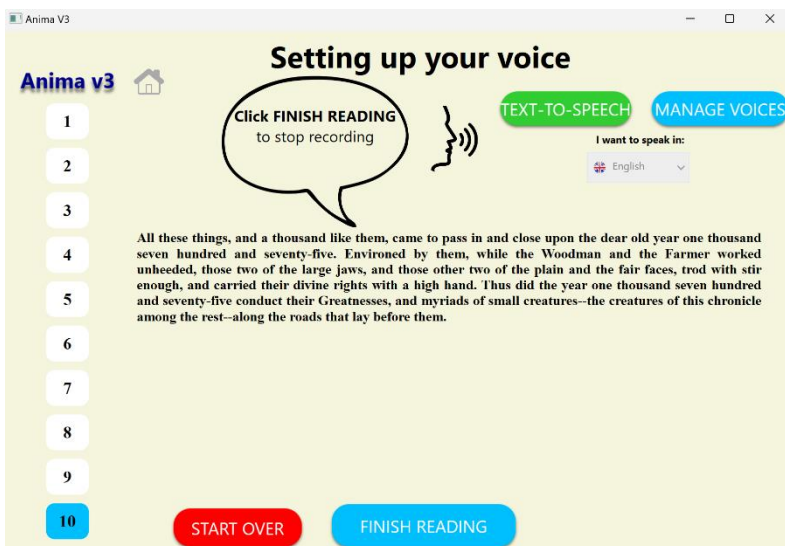
In the banking your voice window, you will have a text presented to you in the language of your choice. In the case that you haven't selected your desired language in the previous page, you can do so in this window before starting reading, by clicking the **START READING** button.

IMPORTANT: *The first time you are registering a profile you will need an internet connection. You do not need an internet connection after the first time!*

When you click the **START READING** button, Anima will start recording your voice. After successfully reading each page, please click on the **READ NEXT PAGE** button to go to the next page. Do not be discouraged to keep going if you have made small mistakes while reading, they hardly matter.

If at any point in the reading you feel like that you haven't done a job good enough, feel free to press the **START OVER** button to go back to 1st page and start over with the recording process.

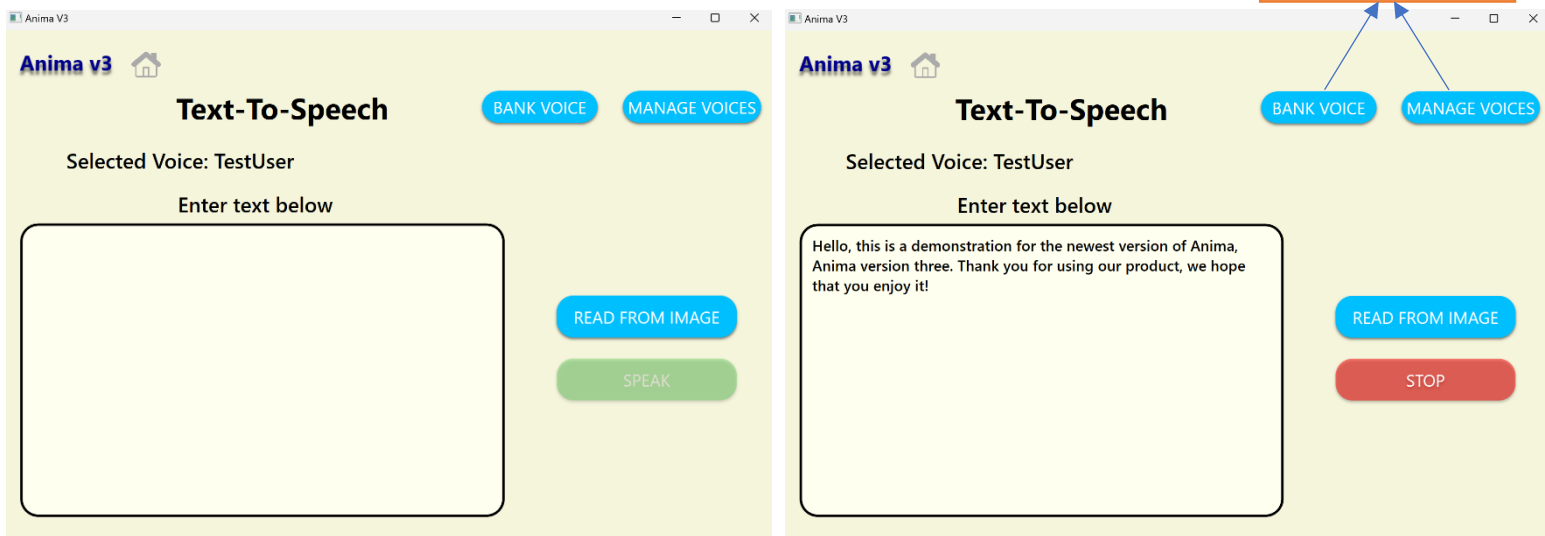
On the top right corner of the page, two buttons that change the window you are currently on are located. By clicking on the **Text-to-Speech** button you can go to the Text-to-Speech window and by clicking on **Manage Voices** button you can go to the Manage Voicebank window. Moreover, by clicking on the grey Home Button on the top left corner next to the AnimaV3 logo, you can go to the home page you see when Anima is run.



Once you have read through all the pages, click on the **FINISH READING** button to stop the voice recording. This will present you with a box where you can type in the selected name for your digital voice. *Please select it carefully and make sure you type it correctly, as this cannot be changed after the initial selection.* You are now one step closer to creating your digital voice!

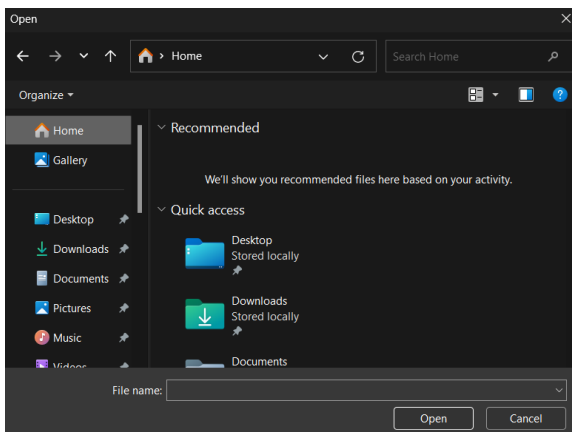
You are also provided with an option to listen to how you sounded during the recording. Click on the **LISTEN RECORDING** button to hear yourself reading the text. Ensure that the background noise is not very loud and you can hear yourself speaking clearly. Once you are happy with what you hear, click on the **ALL DONE** button to finish up with your digital voice creation. *This can take up to a couple minutes depending on the performance of your device, so please be patient.* Now, you will be redirected to Text-to-Speech window.

Text-to-Speech Window



Text-to-speech window is the window you will be seeing the most of. In this window you can enter whatever you would like to say in your selected language and click **SPEAK**. This process will take more time the longer the text you are inputting is. *However, if the process taking an unusually long amount of time, you can always restart the application.*

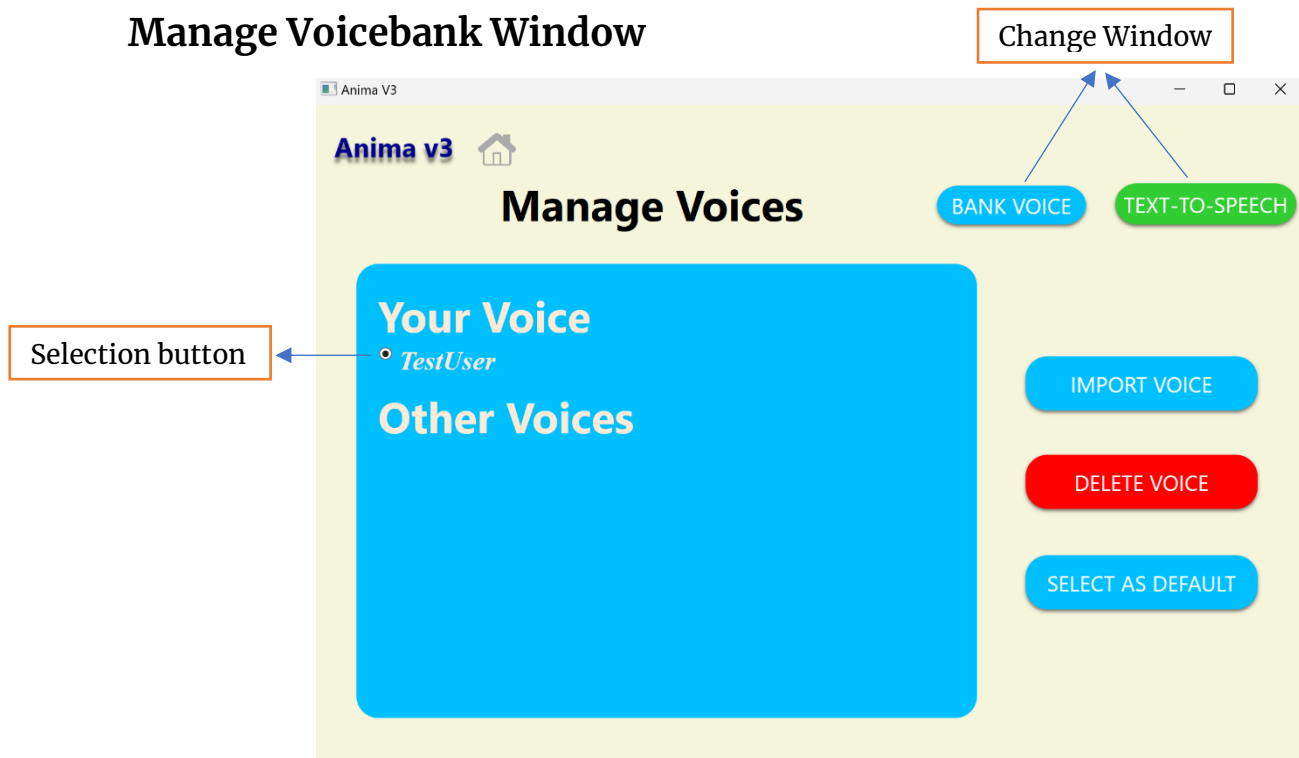
You also have the option to stop the speaking at any point you want. While the computer is speaking using your digital voice. All you have to do is bring your cursor on top of the **SPEAK** button which will now become the **STOP** button, and click on it.



You can also click the **READ FROM IMAGE** button to read the text on the image from a photograph or a pdf file. Clicking the **READ FROM IMAGE** button will open up the Windows File Explorer menu and you can select your select your file from there. This process can take will take longer than speaking via entering text into the textbox and can take up to couple minutes to conclude.

The Change Window buttons on the top right corner, **Bank Voice** and **Manage Voices**, allow the user to go the Banking Your Voice window and Manage Voicebank window respectively.

Manage Voicebank Window



This is the window for managing your voicebank. If you have banked multiple voices, this is window where you can transition between them. Just click on the selection button next to the name of the profile you would like to use and click on the **SELECT AS DEFAULT** button. You can also delete the selected voice by picking the voice you would like to delete through the selection button and clicking on **DELETE VOICE**.

In this window, you also get to create a voice with any .wav file you have. *By clicking on **IMPORT VOICE**, you can select a clear recording of anyone, preferably longer than 2 minutes, and create a digital voice using their voice.*

Lastly, you can click on Change Window buttons to navigate to the other windows. **Bank Voice** button to bank your voice again and **Text-to-Speech** button to speak with your desired digital voice. *Please do note that this won't make over your previous digital voice and create an entirely different voice.*

Conclusion

AnimaV3 was specifically built to be user-friendly and easy to navigate. We hope that you will never need to use this guide. If in any case you come across an error that you do not understand, or the program is simply not responding, please restart Anima and your problem should be fixed. We would like to thank you for using AnimaV3 and happy voice-banking!