User Manual

1. Text Selection

The text selection happens before opening up the extension. If no text is selected prior to opening it, nothing will be summarized. Nothing to worry about though, you can simply close the extension by clicking somewhere else on the screen, select the text you want to summarize and then open up the extension.

To do so, just highlight the paragraph that you would want to summarize and open up the extension by simply clicking on it.
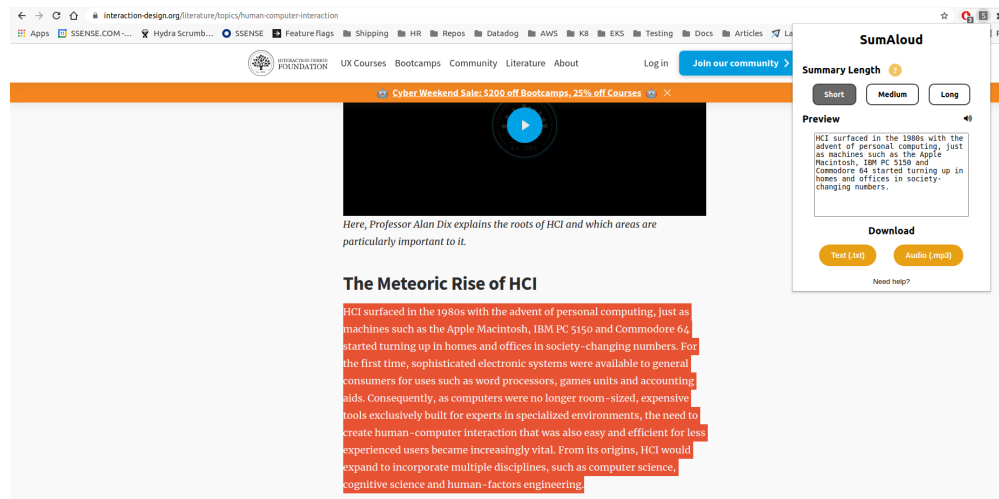

2. Summary Length Selection

Once the extension is opened and the text to be summarized is highlighted (see previous section), you can now choose the length of the summary. By default, the length will be *Short* and a preview of that summary can be seen in the *Preview* box underneath the summary length options. The other options are *Medium* and *Long*

Clicking on *Medium* or *Long* will replace the text present in the *Preview* box with a summary that fits the new length. Here is an example of the three:
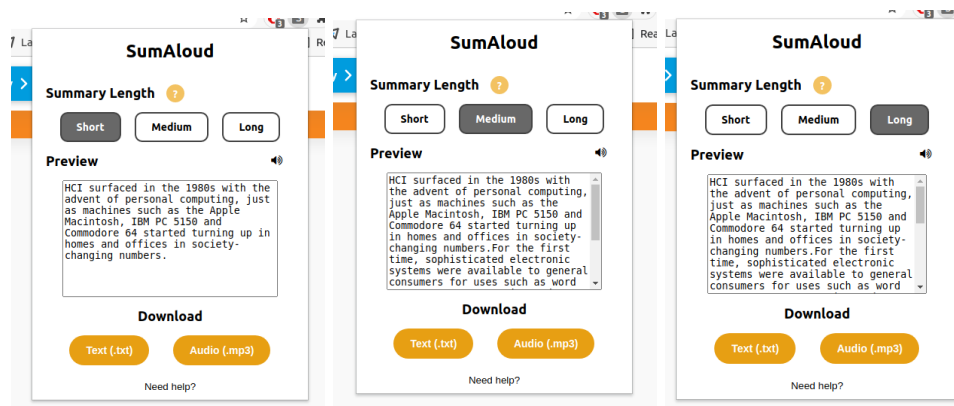
It is worth noting that the orange help icon over the summary length options can be used at any time to get an idea of how long the summary will be. Hovering over the help icon will indeed show the summarization thresholds for each option as can be seen in the following screenshot:
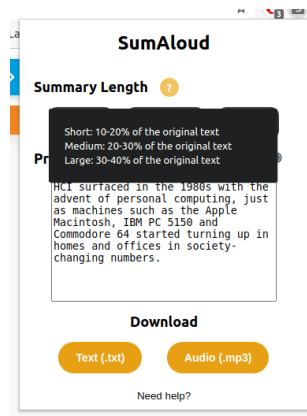

3. Play an Audio of the Summary

In addition to having the possibility to read the summary present in the *Preview* box, it is also possible to play an audio of the summary. To do so, simply click on the speaker icon at the top right of the *Preview* box.
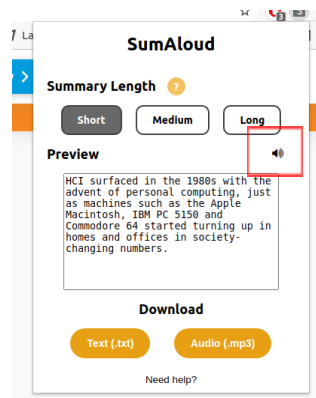

When the audio is playing, it is also possible to stop it by clicking on the speaker-off icon located at the same place (it only appears if the audio is playing).
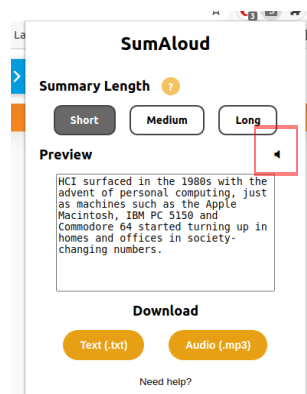
4. Download the Summary

After reading or hearing the summary, the user might want to download it and consult it later. *SumAloud* offers this option to the user in two formats: Text (`.txt`) and Audio (`.mp3`).

Simply choose a format and click on the associated button (Text on the left and Audio on the right). Once done, the user will be prompted in order to confirm and upon confirmation, the file will be downloaded automatically from the browser.
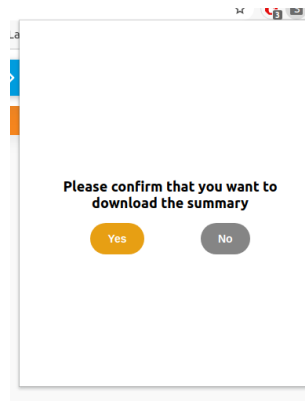
5. Accessing the User Manual

The manual that you are currently reading is accessible from *SumAloud* at any time. Therefore, if you forget a detail about the possible user interactions with the extension, you can consult this *User Manual* at any time by clicking on *Need help* at the bottom. Doing this will open a new tab in your browser in which you will have access to this document.