

# docReader by ReadSpeaker

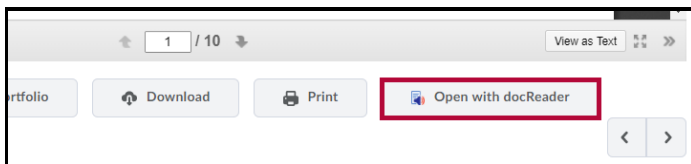
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docReader by ReadSpeaker is a bimodal content presentation tool designed to enhance learning by reading text from pages within D2L. This technology also offers you the ability to download an audio version of the text as an mp3 file for use on portable devices.

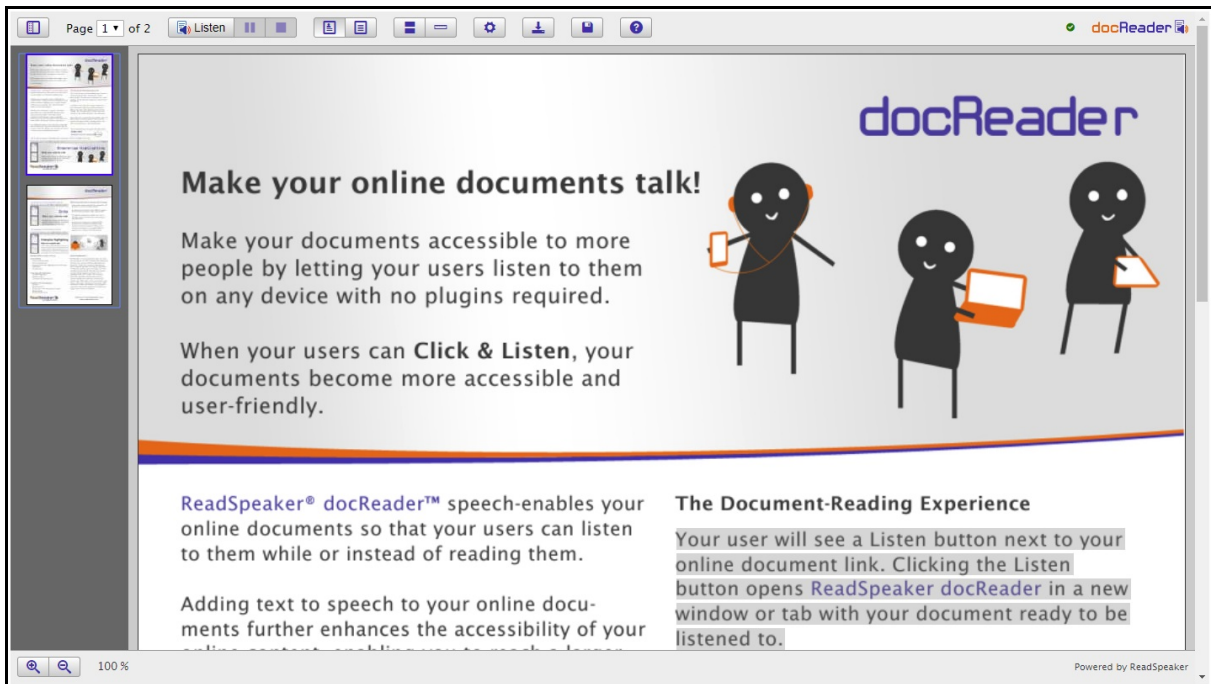
Bimodal presentation refers to information that is presented in both audio and visual formats at the same time. Bimodal reading refers to the act of reading text while hearing the words at the same time, such as when using speech synthesis software, or reading the text, hearing the words, and having the words (and/or sentences) highlighted at the same time, such as when using text-to-speech software with integrated highlighting.

## Using docReader by ReadSpeaker

1. In any place that docReader is available to read the text, you will see an **Open with docReader** button.



2. The docReader player opens in a new window or tab.



## docReader by ReadSpeaker Functions

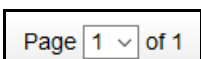
The docReader menu above the document.



**Show/Hide Sidebar.** Toggles the visibility of the thumbnail/outline sidebar.



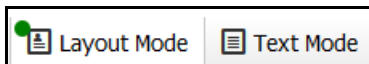
**Page Navigator.** Jumps directly to another page in the document.



**Play/Pause/Stop.** Starts, pauses, or stops the audio. (Note that the pause button may not be visible in some configurations).



**Layout Mode/Text ModeToggle.** Layout mode preserves the original page design, while in text mode, you can control the appearance of the text, such as typeface, text size, and background/foreground colors.



## More Tools menu



**Settings.** Opens/closes settings panel.



**Page Mask.** Dims the screen, except for a highlighted area that follows the mouse pointer, or the finger on touch device to make it easier to focus on a small part of the text at once.



**Reading Ruler.** Displays a ruler that follows the mouse pointer, or the finger on touch focusing on one line at a time.



**Highlighter.** Once you highlight some text, you can Show or Hide with the toggle.



**Download.** Download the document to your computer or device.



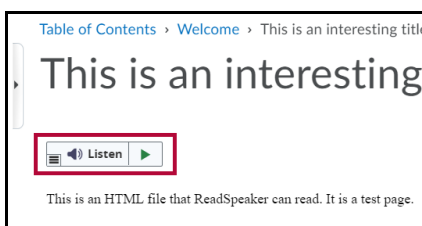
**Save.** Save the original document to your computer.



**Help.** Open help documentation in a new window.



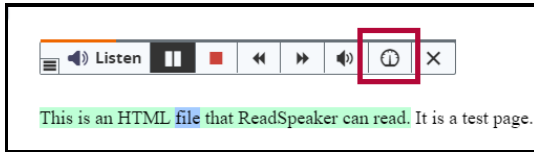
**On HTML files, you may also see a "Listen" button at the top of the file.**



- Once you press **Play**, the button will expand to offer more options:
  - The volume icon will regulate the volume.



- The speedometer icon will adjust the reading rate.



- Click the Open Toolbar button to expand your options.

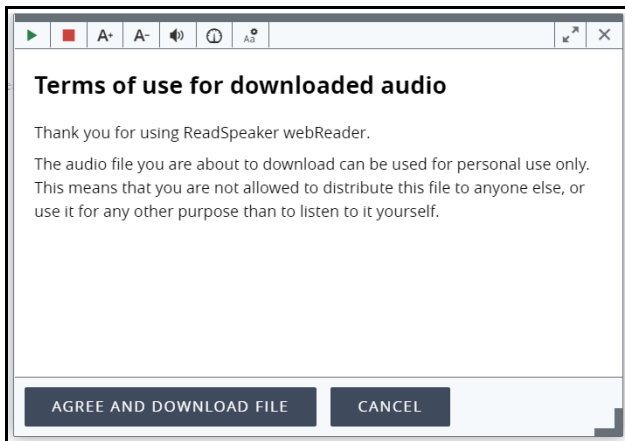


- The new expanded toolbar allows you several new options.



From left to right above:

- The **Gear** icon will open a window with a variety of settings you can change.
  - The **Reading Language** icon will allow you to choose the voice the text is read in.
  - The **Hover** icon will read the text when you hover over it.
  - The **Enlarge Text** icon will make your text bigger.
  - The **Text Mode** icon will open a window that contains only the text.
  - The **Page Mask** icon will enable a tool that allows you to focus on only a portion of the text and dim the rest.
  - The **Download mp3** icon will download the audio for the text as an mp3 file to your computer.
  - The **Question Mark** icon will open a ReadSpeaker help window.
- If you choose to download the mp3 file, you will have to agree to the terms of use.



- To close the mini-player click the **X** icon.

