



# News Flash



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Many people select Dragon NaturallySpeaking because it offers a great input alternative for document creation. The ability to create documents simply by speaking can offer huge productivity savings -- both at the office and at home. But there's far more to Dragon than dictation alone. Dragon also allows you to control your PC just by talking to it. This includes starting programs, navigating application menus, and even surfing the Web. This month's newsletter focuses on navigating the Web by voice, with updates on the latest product news, sample Dragon commands, and stories from current Dragon users.

## Improving Accuracy and Productivity

More than 70% of all US adults use the Internet. Some industry analysts suggest that Internet users spend more than 30 hours per week online, including reading/sending email, getting news, conducting research for school or work, or simply looking for information online about services and products. Think of how much time you could save if you used Dragon to more quickly find the information that you need online.

## Dragon Voice Shortcuts

Dragon Medical and the Preferred, Professional and Legal editions of Dragon NaturallySpeaking 10 include new Dragon Voice Shortcuts to collapse common multi-step tasks, such as completing a Web search, into direct voice commands. Now you can search the Web for information, products, news and more — faster than ever. Just say commands containing your desired search words, such as "Search the Web for financial management resources" or "Search maps for Italian restaurants in Chicago," and Dragon 10 will use the default search engine and Web browser to enter your dictated term(s) in the search field and return the results.

Dragon Voice Shortcuts enable users to search the Web for specific types of information including videos, images, news, articles and products using commands such as "Search video for JFK inaugural address." Users can also search specific Web sites: "Search eBay for Bluetooth headsets" or "Search About for saltwater aquariums." Sites currently supported by Dragon Voice Shortcuts include Google, Yahoo, eBay, Amazon.com, Wikipedia, YouTube, about.com, answers.com and more. [See sample commands.](#)

## Tips and Tricks

### Navigating the Web by Voice

Dragon offers voice commands that can be used to make your time online more productive. The following are just some of the commands available to help you navigate the Web by voice:

- Saying **"Go to address bar / field"** will move the cursor to the address box so that you can dictate the address of the specific site you want to visit. (See below for tips on dictating Web addresses.) Then say "Go There," "Click Go," or "Go" to move to that page.
- To "click" a link on the page you're viewing, simply say the text of the link, or even just part of the link. If more than one link on the page matches what you just said, Dragon will display numbered arrows next to all matching items. To select the correct option, say **"Choose 3"**



## Tell Us What You Think

Do you currently use Dragon to surf the Web?

- a) Yes, I use Dragon when I'm online.
- b) No, I find it easier to use my mouse and keyboard to navigate the Web.
- c) I didn't know Dragon could be used with Internet applications.
- d) I don't currently own Dragon, but the ability to surf the Web sounds interesting.



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- Click the Back or Forward buttons by using the “**Go back**” or “**Go forward**” commands. You can also say “**Go home**” to access your browser’s home page.
- Commands to control the page view include: “**Page up / down,**” and “**Start scrolling up / down.**” You can control the scroll function with additional commands such as “**Speed up,**” “**Slow down**” and “**Stop scrolling.**”

Commands for common Internet-related tasks are listed within the Sample Commands window—a narrow vertical window showing a sample of the commands for the current context. It may be useful to keep this open while you are getting to know what commands you may want to use. To access the Sample Commands window, say “Open Sample Commands” or “What Can I Say.”

Note: these commands only work with Dragon-supported browsers: Mozilla Firefox and Microsoft Internet Explorer. For a comprehensive list of commands for both Internet Explorer and Firefox, you can use the Context drop-down list in the Command Browser. (To access the Command Browser, say “Open Command Browser” or click the DragonBar’s Tools menu, then select Command Browser.)

## You Asked, We Answer

### You Asked:

“How can I dictate a Web site or email address when I’m using Dragon online?”

### Answer:

You can dictate email and web addresses as you normally speak them. Open the Formatting dialog box under the Tools menu on the DragonBar and be sure that the Web and email addresses option is checked. This turns on automatic email and Web address formatting, which lets you dictate addresses in a natural manner without worrying about the spacing between words. For example, to generate [www.samplecompany.com/sales](http://www.samplecompany.com/sales), simply state: www dot sample company dot com slash sales.

You can say the following abbreviations by pronouncing them as words: com, net, org, and sys. Other Web address abbreviations should be spelled out: edu, gov, mil, ca, de, fr, jp, sp, and uk. If an address contains non-words or words that Dragon does not recognize (such as [www.baxterex.com](http://www.baxterex.com)), you can correct the recognition error using the “Spell That” command to correct email and web addresses by spelling. Don’t forget that you can also add words that you commonly use to your vocabulary: this can include Web addresses and email domains in addition to acronyms, jargon, names of people, places, products, institutions, etc. If any item is not pronounced the way it is written, you can quickly give it a “Spoken Form” in the Vocabulary Editor (say “Edit Vocabulary” to open it).

## Dragon Customer Profiles

### Jim H.

... One of the best things about [Dragon] is that you can be dictating within a half-hour of installing the software and the accuracy factor is 99%. I’ve tried dictating to secretaries and don’t get nearly that close in a lot more time. I’ve been using Dragon for many years now and consider it to be an essential bit of software on my computer. I also sometimes use Dragon to help navigate through the Internet. It’s quite easy to read lengthy pages of Internet text when all you have to do is simply tell the software to, “page down,” and you have a fresh page of text ready to read.

### Jay C.

I have muscular dystrophy and am unable to use a keyboard. Although I was able to study college courses through the Internet, finding a profession was impossible, due to my physical limitations. With the help of Dragon, I created my own business. Not only to improve my own life, but others as well. My site is called Disabled Online; it’s an online community that provides topics and resources for people with disabilities. The independence and career I have online would not have been possible if it wasn’t for Dragon.

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