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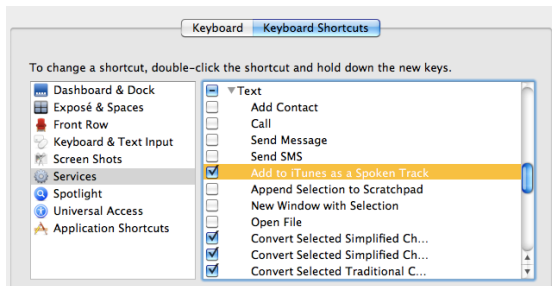
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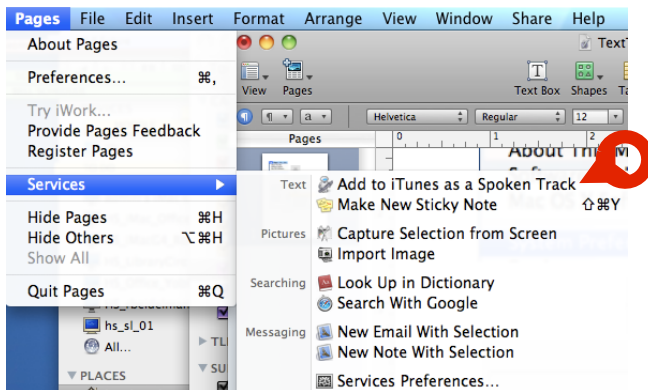
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The text to speech features allows you to highlight text and convert that text into spoken language. The file imports into iTunes and can be synced with an iPod.

1. Open System Preferences from the Apple menu. Select Keyboard.  and select the Keyboard Shortcuts tab.
2. Select Services from the left window, and Add iTunes as a Spoken Track from the right window (in the Text section). Click the red dot in the upper left corner of the window to close System Preferences.



3. Open Pages, Keynote or Safari. Highlight the text you would like to convert to spoken text.
4. With the text selected, click on the application's menu, drag to Services then Add to iTunes as Spoken Track.



5. After a pause, the file will be converted to spoken text, and appears in iTunes. The file is placed in an iTunes playlist "Spoken Text" with a title "Text to Speech." If you click on the name, Text to Speech you can rename the file.



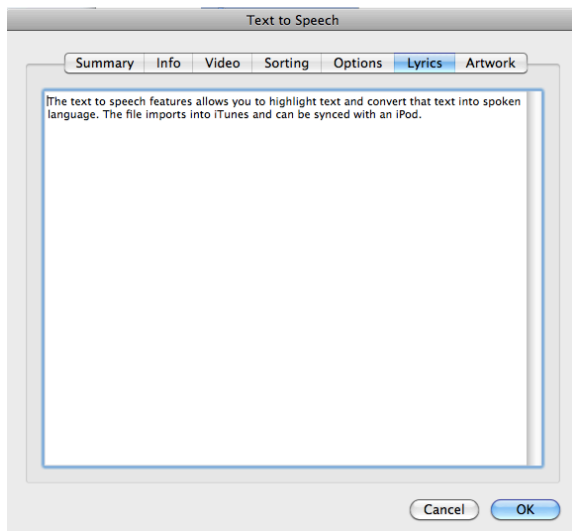
The file can now be synced to your iPod.



Adding the Text as Lyrics

Once you have converted the written text to spoken text, you can use the written text as lyrics. This allows the user to view the written text as they are listening to the spoken text on an iPod. Follow these steps to add the written text to the file.

1. Click one time on the spoken text in iTunes so that it is highlighted.
2. Choose Get Info from the File menu. A window opens. Choose the Lyrics button along the top tool bar. Paste the text that you converted to spoken language in the lyrics box, then choose OK.



3. Drag this file from the playlist into your library. This act, "sticks" the lyrics with the file permanently, so when you sync back to the iPod, the Lyrics come with it, and you can see them on the touch screen as you listen.

