



Upload of custom messages material procedure manual

My-own-voice service

Language Manual: Upload of custom messages procedure manual

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1 *Custom messages*

Custom Messages are personal and private audio messages created for you and about you, via the my-own-voice service. These messages make it possible for loved ones to keep a connection with you using more emotions and expressions together with your synthetic voice.

The my-own-voice service enables you to upload a .txt file that can contain up to 300 messages. These messages, using your synthetic voice, may be used with an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) application.

The audio files will be delivered with your synthetic voices package and not as separate audio files.

This is not a message banking service, but rather an enhancement of the personalization level of your synthetic voice for daily usage.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The custom messages need to be set and uploaded to the my-own-voice website before you start the voice banking process.

2 *Create a text (.txt) file*

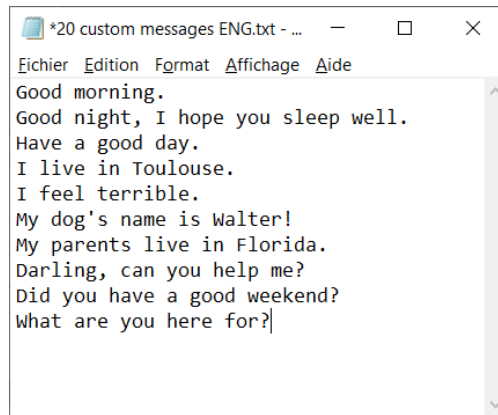
You can only upload a text (txt) file to the my-own-voice service through the “Your account/Custom messages” section.

Here are a few simple steps for creating your .txt file on a Windows computer:

- Open the Notepad software program on your computer. This program can be found by:
 - a) clicking on the Windows Start Button then, in the “Run”, or “Search” box, type “Notepad” and press Enter or
 - b) by clicking on the Windows Start Button and opening “All program” and clicking on the Notepad shortcut

Note that you can also create a text file using any other word processing software program (e.g: Microsoft Word, WordPad, Notepad++). You will have to save the file and change the file name or file type to “Plain Text” to save it as a text file.

- Once you have created a .txt file, you can edit it and add your custom messages. Here is an example of the way it shall look:



3 Upload & Check

You can upload your custom messages throughout a unique .txt file in “Your Account” tab section.

Log in to <https://mov.acapela-group.com/>

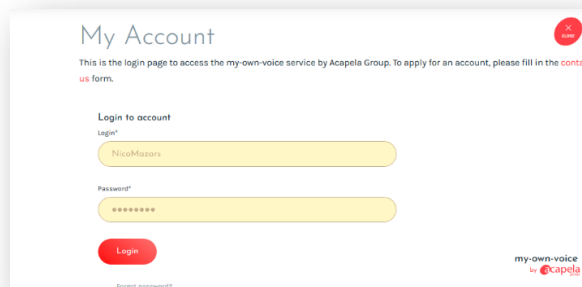
Go to Your Account tab

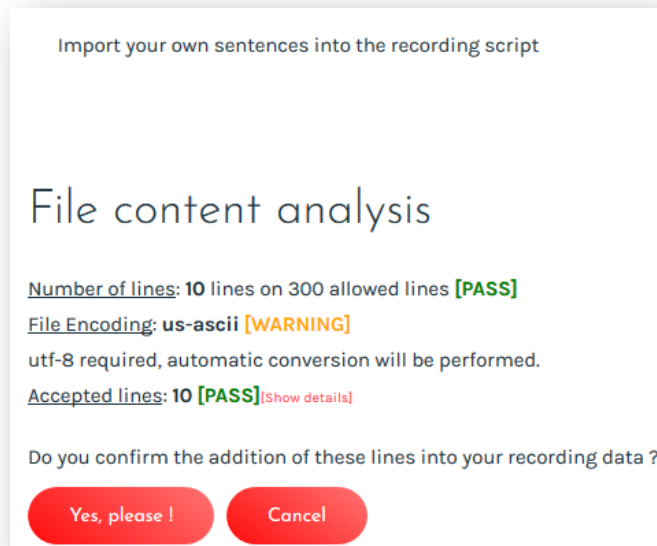
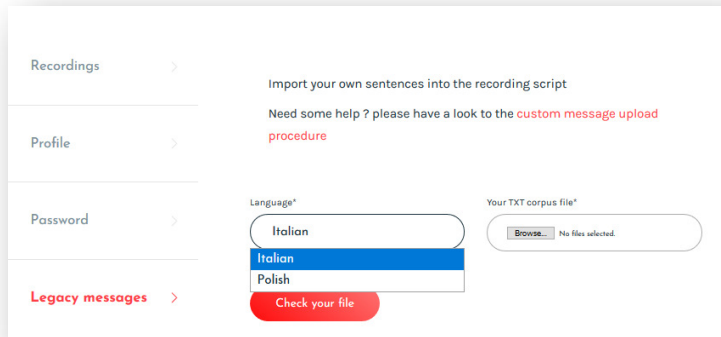
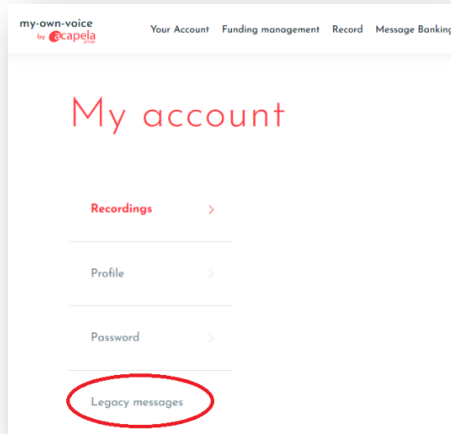
Go to Legacy messages menu.

Select the language, chose your .txt file and launch the verification of the file.

We accept a .txt format file with the following criteria:

- Number of lines: 300 lines maximum (in the files) as 300 messages accepted.
- Format of the .txt file: utf-8 ONLY (conversion will be apply if not correct format)
- 80 allowed characters per line





Accept lines for import

- 1- Good morning
- 2- Good night, I hope you sleep well
- 3- Have a good day
- 4- I live in Toulouse.
- 5- I feel terrible.
- 6- My dog's name is Walter!
- 7- My parents live in Florida.
- 8- Darling, can you help me?
- 9- Did you have a good weekend?
- 10- What are you here for?


SUCCESS - File content imported to your recording corpus.

4 To record your custom messages

Your custom messages will be added to the Acapela script after the 50th phrase is recorded.

The synthetic voice will be created once you have reached 50 recordings (Acapela script). You will need to make sure that all your custom messages are recorded before requesting the delivery of your voice.

If you request the delivery of your voice before completing the recording of the custom messages, those ones will not be bundled and delivered with your synthetic voice.

Note that the button to listen to the custom phrase before recording it () is not active at this stage.

5 Principal of Usage

The custom messages are intended to add more intonation and prosody to your synthetic voice. The custom messages are spoken out loud in the synthetic voice audio stream.

As an example: a patient might record the custom message "I feel terrible."

From an augmentative and alternative communication device/application, the patient would speak aloud the following phrase:

"Today, I did not get my coffee."

"Today, I did not get my coffee, I feel terrible."

"Today, I did not get my coffee, I feel so terrible."

From above, the **green** part is synthesized on the fly (synthetic voice), the **blue** part is played from your pre-recorded audio file (custom message).