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Put speech recognition in your business toolbox

Thinking about the range of tools you use in your business life is a bit like thinking about the range of tools in a DIY enthusiast's toolbox. There are odds and ends that have occasional but very important uses, a bunch of things that might come in handy one day and a core set of absolute essentials without which any DIY job would flounder. At work, I use tools that fit into all three of those groups. Speech recognition is in that last group. Without a doubt, it's essential.

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I think of the range of tools I use for my day-to-day work in a similar way to thinking about a DIY enthusiast's toolbox. You know the kind of thing. Those expanding boxes that seem like a treasure trove of bits and pieces. One section contains a range of odds and ends from bits of string to those gadgets that bleed radiators to Allen keys and goodness knows what else. Some have definite uses, some might come in handy one day. In another section are the essential tools of different sizes and shapes, all with their own purpose.

When it comes to everyday work there are a few essentials for my toolbox. My speech recognition software tools are paramount among these. I use speech recognition every day and frankly if someone took it away from me I'd feel a bit lost – a bit like the imaginary owner of that imaginary toolbox might feel if their favorite screwdrivers went mysteriously missing.

It isn't habit that makes me return to [Dragon](#) every day, it is simply that Dragon is the best fit for me to get things done in a timely way. I can use [Dragon Anywhere](#) it to turn my spoken words into editable text while I'm standing on a train platform between meetings, pick up the same document to my laptop from the cloud when I am in a coffee shop waiting for the person I'm meeting to arrive and then, later, back at the office, finish the document off.

To go back to a toolbox without [Dragon Anywhere](#) and Dragon on my laptop would take some adjustment. I'd only be able to create documents when near a keyboard and I'd have to get used to typing more. I'd be slower at getting stuff done. Perhaps I wouldn't be able to achieve as much in a working day. I'd certainly be unable to make best use of smaller snippets of time to do useful work. It's a learning curve I would not want to face.

What are your essential tools for everyday work? Do you think your toolbox is missing a [Dragon](#)?

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