

Prompts

A promptlist MUST be selected in order to enable a recording to be made. Each recording is then automatically saved and associated with a selected prompt from the promptlist. If the The PromptList subwindow is empty then use the PromptList Editor to edit existing prompt lists or add new ones or select a different one.

A prompt consists of a line of text terminated in a carriage return linefeed. It may be a single word or a passage of text.

They asked if I wanted to come along on the barge trip.]

TIP

Optionally you can add a number in square brackets at the end of the prompt. AAA will read this number and stop the recording automatically after this number of seconds. e.g. The following prompt will stop recording after 3 seconds.

025. I always seem to follow my instincts rather than reason. [3]

The [3] overrides a default duration for stopping recording which is set in Options|Settings Utterances.

You can control when prompts are shown to the participant on a per-prompt basis. See the examples below for how to do it:

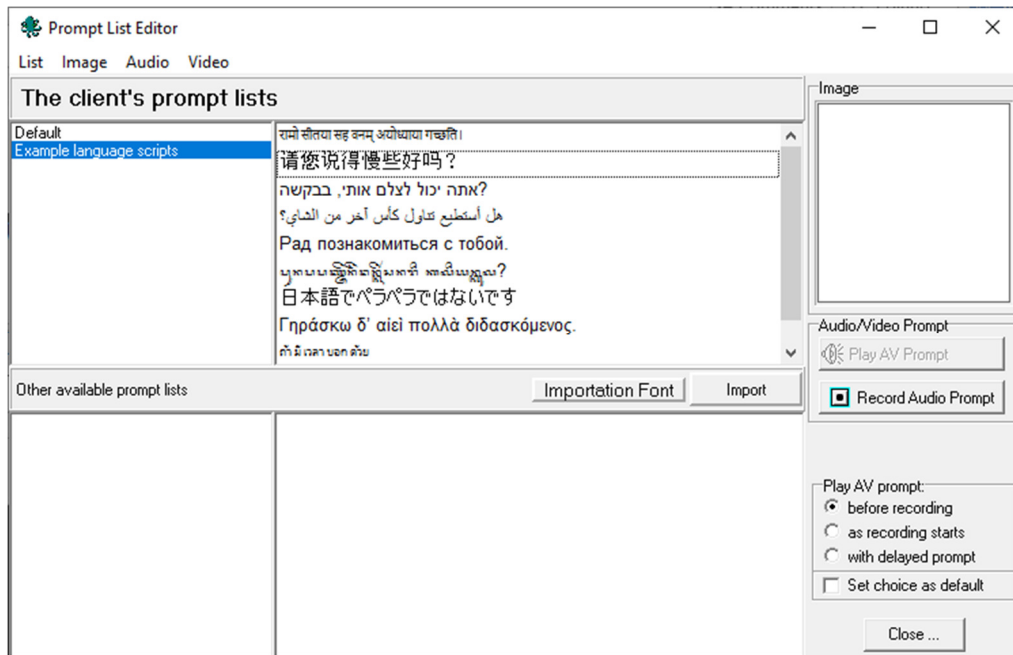
This prompt appears second[[This prompt appears first=2000]]

This prompt appears after two seconds[[=2000]]

[[This prompt disappears after two seconds=2000]]

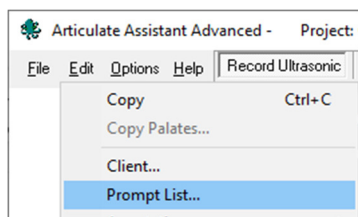
In the above examples, the 2000 is the number of milliseconds to wait before performing the transition.

Since version 220_x AAA has been able to read and display Unicode prompts. In previous versions it was necessary to use fonts or present pictures of prompt texts in languages unrepresented in the basic ASCII character set.

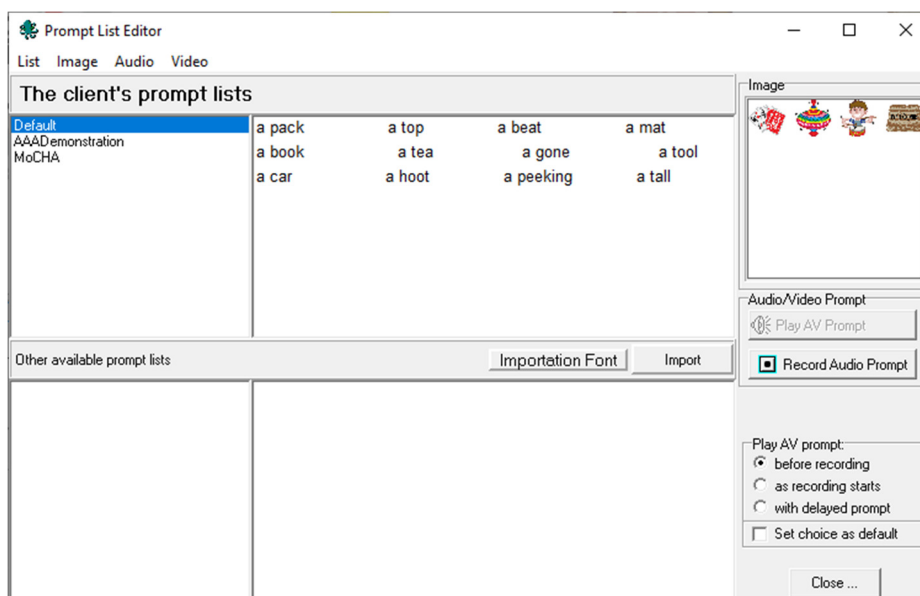


PromptList Editor

The list of prompts can be edited or a new list created with the **'Edit:Prompt List...'** dialogue.



On startup, the AAA demo project has sample prompt lists default, AAA demonstration and MoCHA.



When you create a new project you can choose whether to copy these lists into the new project. If you choose not to copy them, this will reduce the size of the project but you must then create your own list with at least one prompt if you wish to make recordings.

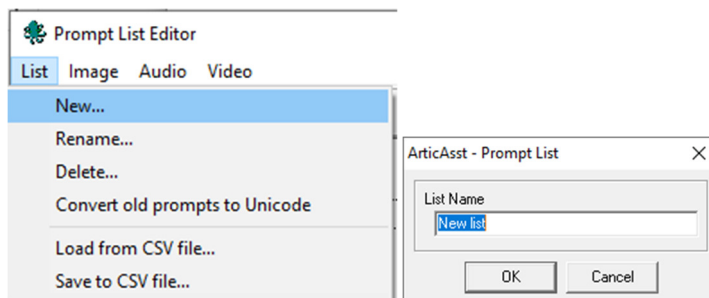
The easiest way to create a list is to **cut and paste** a set of prompts that you have prepared in word or excel or found on the internet into the **default** list. Each recording can be prompted by text, an image, an audio or a video clip.

TIP

If you already have a list of prompts in a text file. Simply copy the list to the clipboard using <Ctrl>-C in your text editor and paste into the Prompt List Editor using <Ctrl>-V

To create a new list click the List menu item

'New' sets up a Title and opens a new blank list.



'Rename...' allows the currently selected list to be renamed.

'Delete' allows the currently selected list to be deleted. This may save space especially if the list has audio, video or image prompts.

'Convert old prompts to unicode' allows prompt lists which were stored in special fonts in previous version of AAA to be converted to unicode. See following section.

Load and save prompt lists

Promptlists are stored within the database but they can be exported or imported in csv format. The benefit of this format over cut and paste is that it records associated bitmaps and audio. Exporting the default promptlist exports the associated bitmaps as well as the csv file.



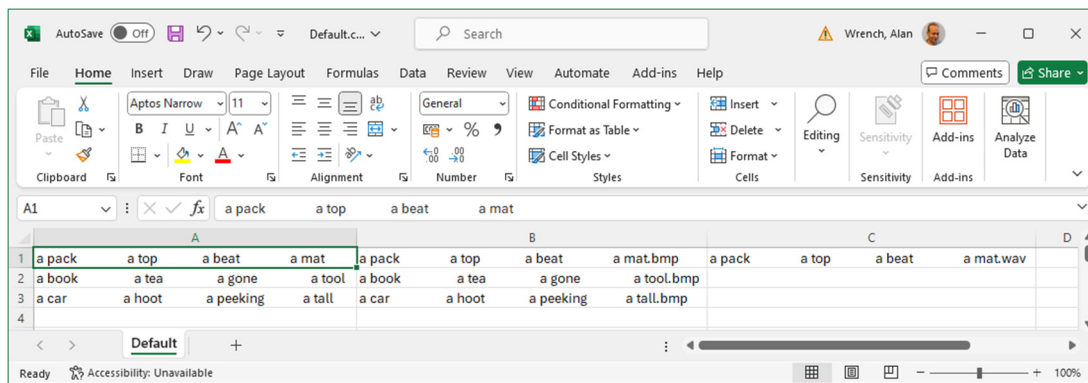
In the csv file

Column 1 contains the prompt text

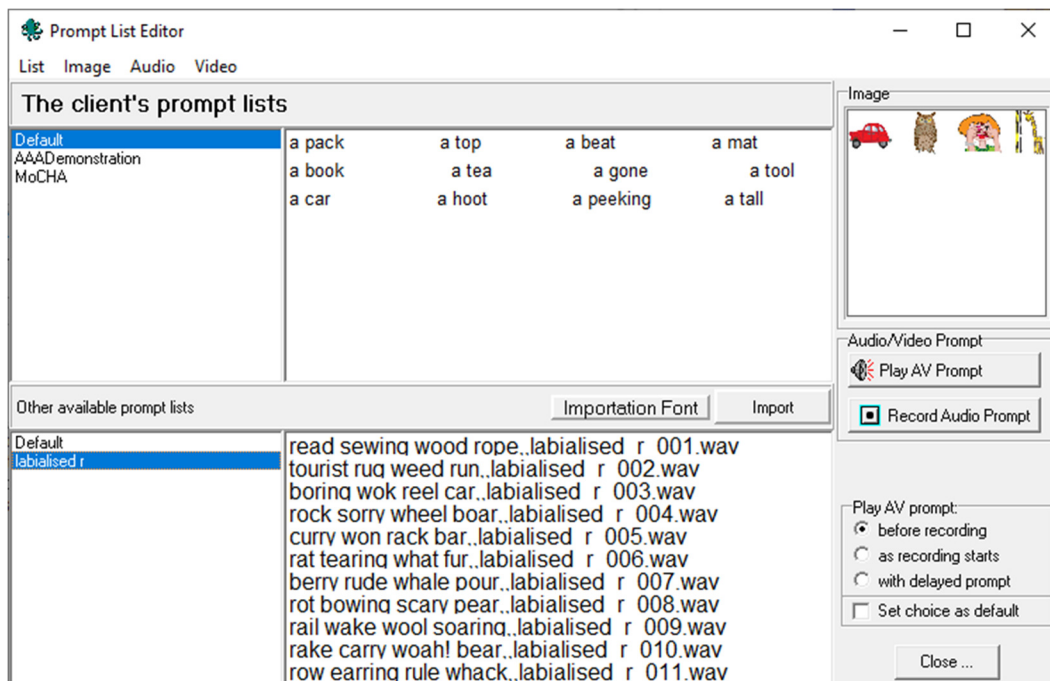
Column 2 contains the name of any image bitmap

Column 3 contains the name of any audio wav

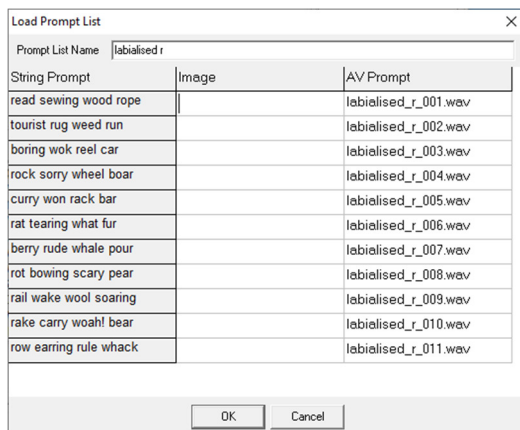
Currently video avi files are not saved – but will be in column 4 in future versions.



Csv files will be shown in the bottom panels of the promptlist editor if they are present in the **Prompts folder** under the application folder.




Click the **Import** button to import the prompts and associated images and audio into the current project. An editor will appear. You can use the editor to change the name of the list and delete any media files you do not wish to import.



Edit the currently selected prompt list

To select an existing prompt for editing double-click or click on it and then click again. Edit

Default	a pack	a top	a beat	a mat
AAADemonstration	book	a tea	a gone	a tool
MoCHA				
labialised r	a car	a hoot	a peeking	a tall

To add a new prompt to the end of the list, click below the bottom entry or  right-click and select **add** from the menu.

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TIP

Lines can be multiselectd using click and drag, <shift>click or <cntrl> click . Use cut<cntrl>x and paste <cntrl>v options to move groups of prompts to different positions in the list.



Right-click for a menu of options.

Add	Ctrl+N
Delete	
Move Up	Ctrl+U
Move Down	Ctrl+D
Copy	Ctrl+C
Paste	Ctrl+V
Select All	Ctrl+A
Duplicate	
Randomise	
Font ...	
Font All ...	
Edit Unicode	

'Add' – adds a new line to the bottom of the list

'Delete' – deletes the currently selected line or lines from the list

'Move Up' – moves the currently selected line up the list

'Move Down' – moves the currently selected line down the list

'Copy' – copies the selected lin or lines to the clipboard


'Paste' – pastes the conents of the clipboard above the currently selected line

'Select All' – select all lines

'Duplicate' – copies the selected line to the end of the list

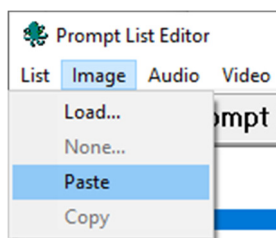
'Randomise' – randomly re-orders the list

TIP

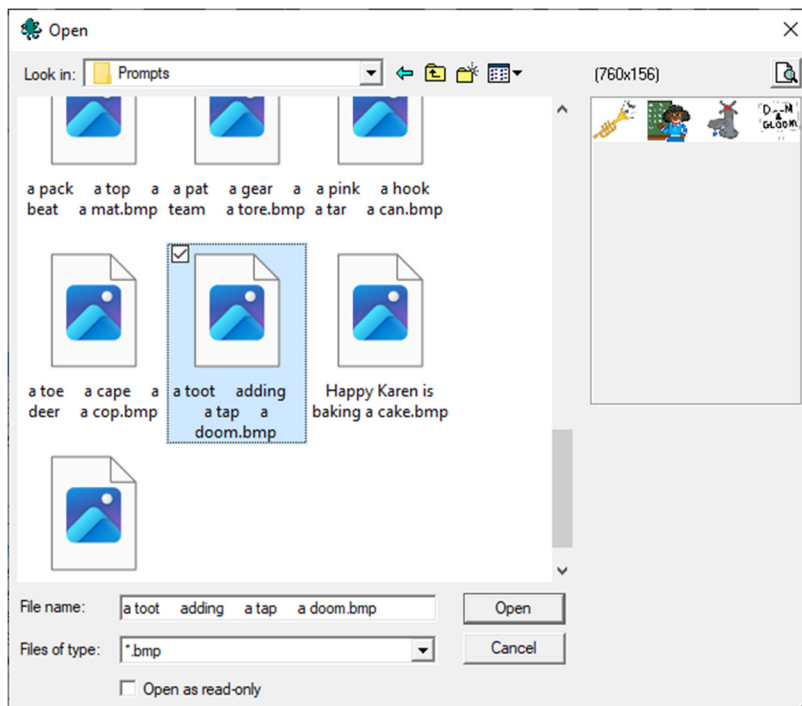
To randomise 5 reps of a list. <cntrl>A to select all prompts, then <cntrl>V five times to duplicate the prompts. Then  right-click and select randomise.

Picture Prompts

An image can be associated with each prompt. First create the image using your favourite program (e.g. Paint, Boardmaker, Adobe Photoshop etc.). This can be a drawing or a photograph. Copy the image to the clipboard from within that program. Then, from the Prompt List Editor menu, select **'Paste'**.



Select **'load...'** to browse for an image file. Only *.bmp files are currently accepted. It brings up a dialogue where the file can be selected and previewed.



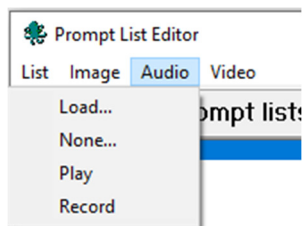
Select **'Copy'** to copy the image from the currently selected prompt. If the current prompt doesn't have an image associated with it then this option will be disabled.

Select **'None...'** to remove the image from the currently selected prompt. If the current prompt doesn't have an image associated with it then this option will be disabled.

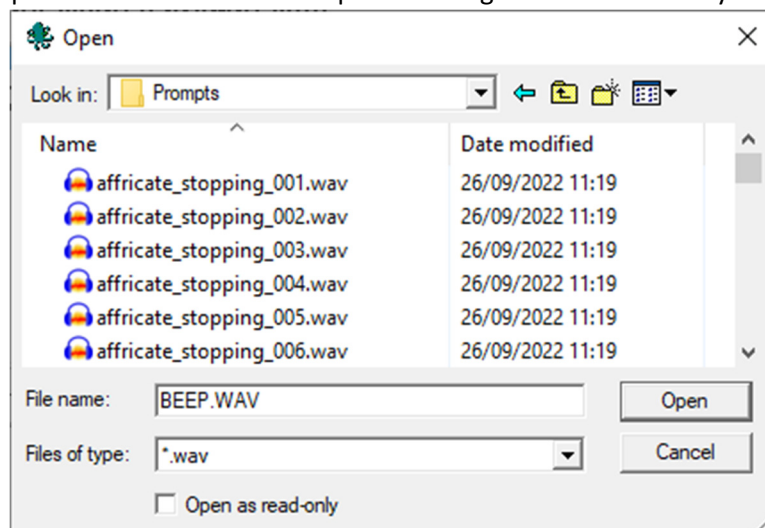
WARNING: If you change a prompt that has an image associated with it, that association will be lost (even if you make as simple a change as adding a space or a comma). This is because the image is associated with the precise text. This also means that if the exact same text is placed in another promptlist the picture will automatically be linked to it.

Audio Prompts


A prerecorded utterance or sound can be associated with each prompt. To associate a wav file with a prompt simply click on the line in the prompt list that contains the prompt you want to link audio to then use the audio menu to:



'Load' – to browse for a prerecorded audio file. It opens a dialogue. You can use any windows (wav)



file as an audio prompt.

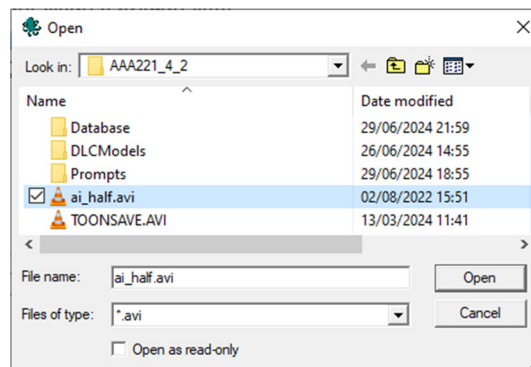
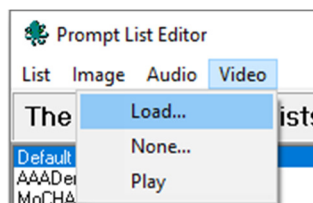
'Play' – to verify the audio associated with the selected prompt. Also can click  button.

'None...' – remove the audio associated with prompt from the project.

'Record' – not functioning. Also click the  button.

Video Prompts

Read the instructions above for Audio prompts. Video prompts must be prepared in separate video editing software and be in *.avi format.

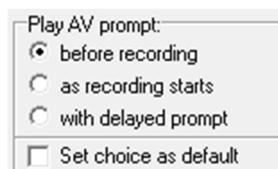


Select a prompt in the list and then use the 'Video' menu option to load the video and associate it with the recording.

WARNING: As with images if you change a prompt that has a wav associated with it, that association will be lost (even if you make as simple a change as adding a space or a comma). This is because the image is associated with the precise text. This also means that if the exact same text is placed in another promptlist the audio will automatically be linked to it.

Choose when to play audio or video

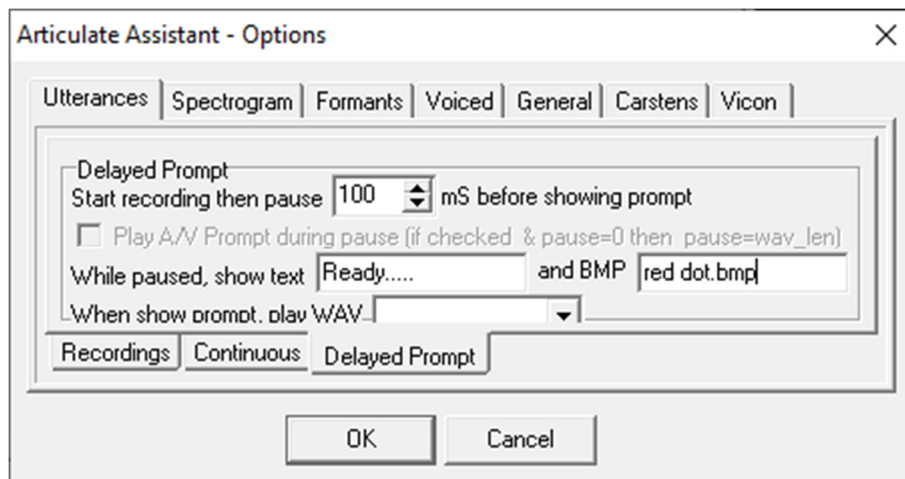
Audio/video prompts default to playing before recording starts. Options are available in the Prompt Editor to start playing the audio or video prompt at the same instant that the audio recording starts. Alternatively, it can also be set to start with a delayed text/image prompt after the recording starts.



Delay presentation of text/image prompt

For studies of anticipatory articulation and reaction times AAA can delay presentation of prompts until some time after recording starts.

Select Options|Settings from the main menu. Select the Utterances tab and the delayed prompt subtab.

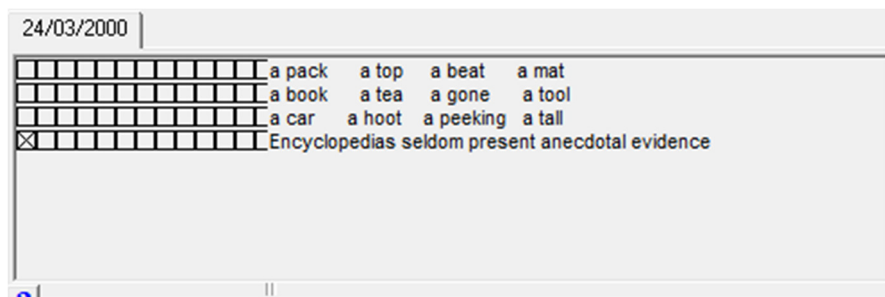


1. Specify the wait time after recording starts and before the prompt text/image is displayed.
2. During the waiting time choose to present some text e.g. "Ready..." and/or an image
3. At the instant the prompt appears, specify an audio file to play. E.g. Play a beep.

If these options are blank they will be ignored.

The PromptList subwindow

The list of prompts will appear in the promptlist window. The window has boxes on the left. Empty boxes are holders for new recordings. Boxes with crosses have recordings associated with them. Click on a box with a cross to load the recording. Click on an empty box or the prompt to enter live mode ready for recording. On the right side are the prompts. These include prompts from the currently selected promptlist and any recordings previously recorded with a different promptlist. At the top there are tabs. Each tab corresponds to a "Session" of recordings made on a given date.



Promptlist subwindow

Right-click  for a popup menu with the following options

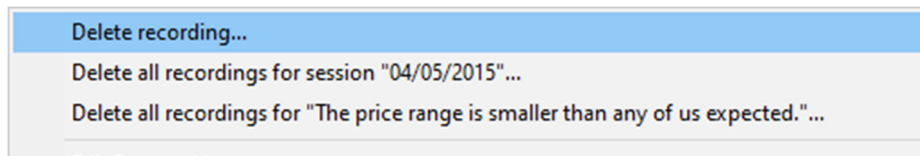
Deleting a recording

Delete recording - Delete the currently selected recording (box with a cross with green background).

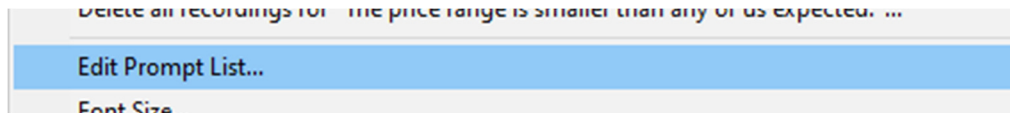
Delete all recordings for the current session – All recordings in the current session (i.e date) can be deleted.

Delete all recordings for < prompt associated with selected recording > - All recordings with the same prompt may be deleted.

Be careful as this deletion cannot be undone.

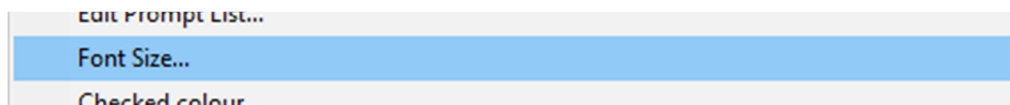


Shortcut to promptlist editor



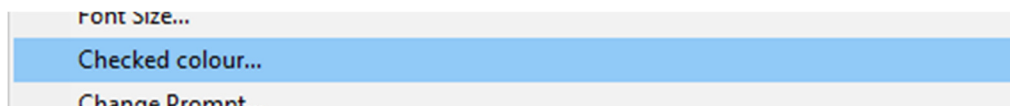
Font size

Change the font size of the prompts in the promptlist if they are too small and difficult to read. This will also enlarge the boxes.



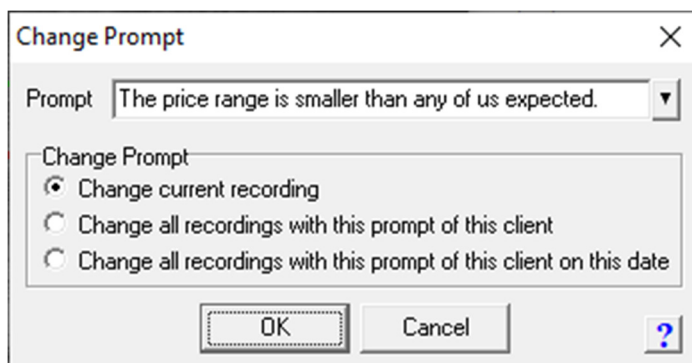
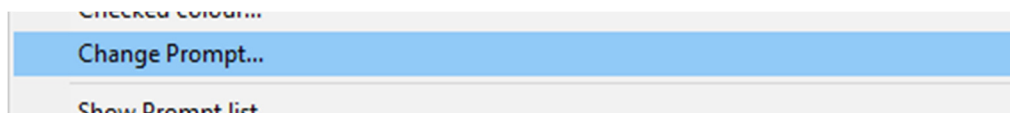
Change colour of box with cross when selected

The default colour of a box with a cross is green but you may choose any colour.

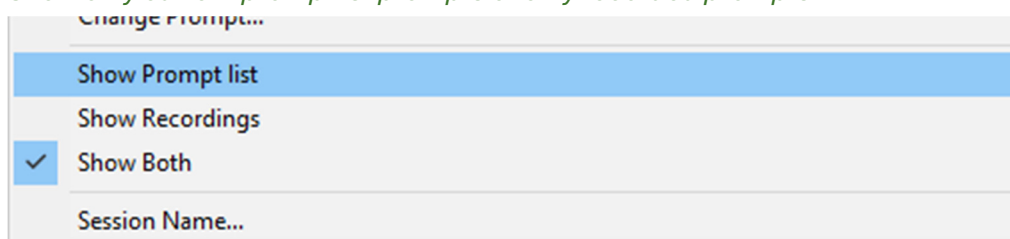


Change the text of a recorded prompt

It is possible to change the text associated with a recording after it is recorded. This can be useful if you have accidentally recorded speech that doesn't match the prompt.

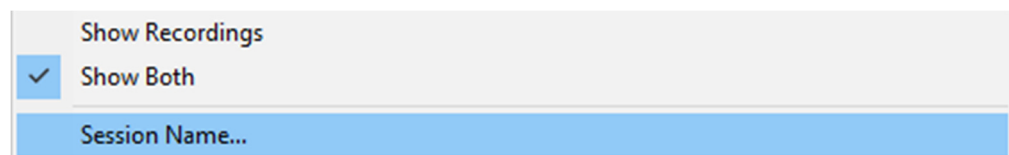


Show only current promptlist prompts or only recorded prompts.



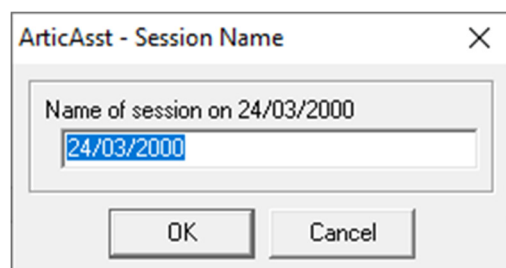
Edit session name

The session name is by default the date of the recordings. It is possible to change the session name. For example to indicate baseline, pre-therapy, post-therapy, followup sessions.



Session recording options panel:

- Show Recordings
- ☒ Show Both
- Session Name...



ArticAsst - Session Name

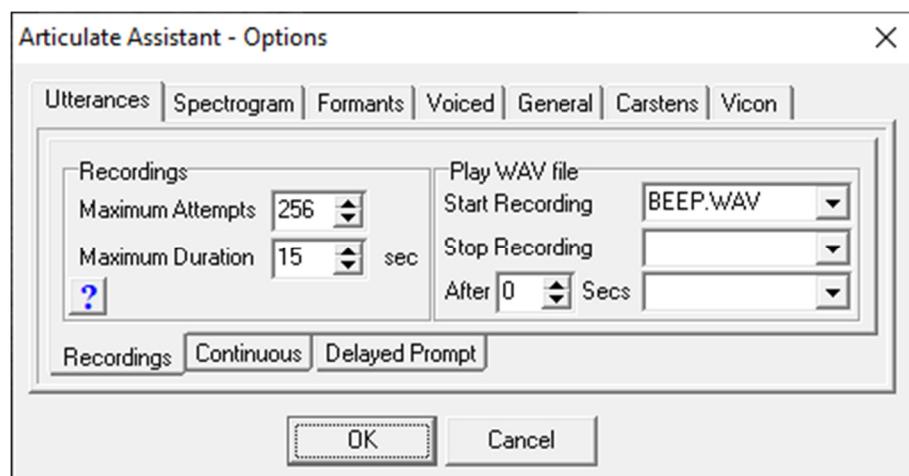
Name of session on 24/03/2000

24/03/2000

OK Cancel

Set the total number of recordings that can be made for a prompt

In the main menu, select Options|Settings and then the “utterances” tab. Alter the maximum number of attempts.



Articulate Assistant - Options

Utterances | Spectrogram | Formants | Voiced | General | Carstens | Vicon

Recordings

Maximum Attempts: 256

Maximum Duration: 15 sec

Play WAV file

Start Recording: BEEP.WAV

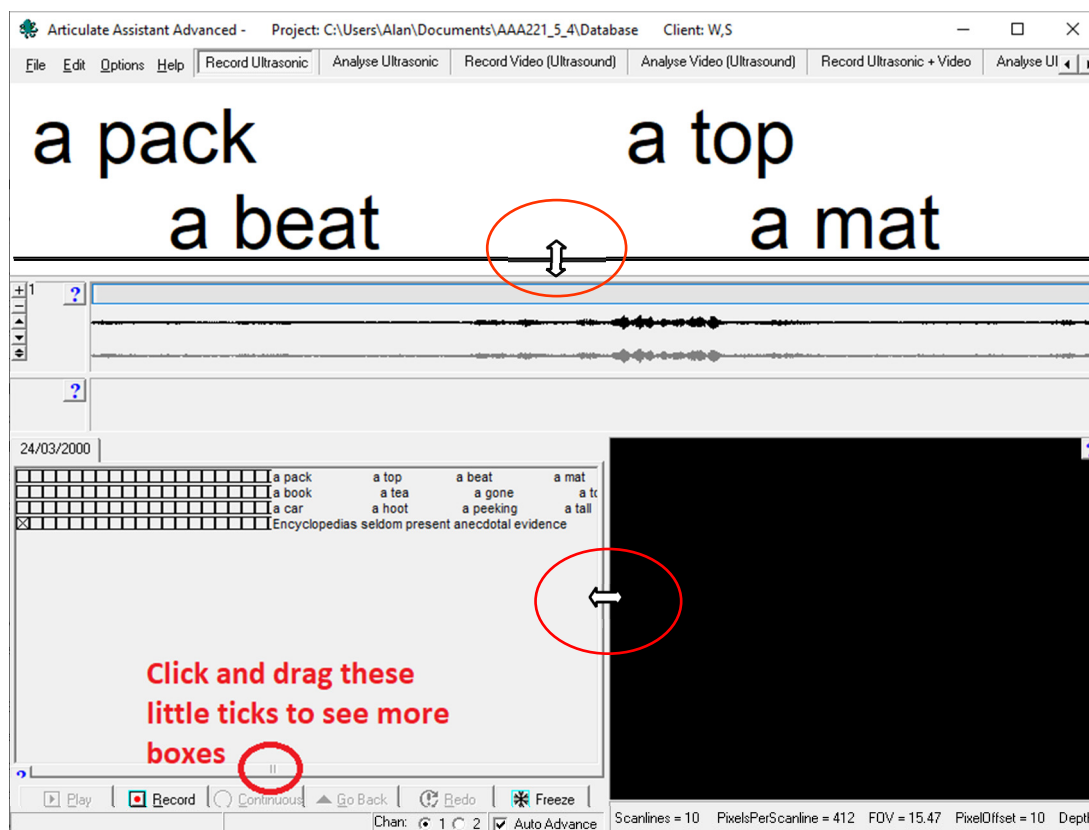
Stop Recording:

After: 0 Secs

Recordings | Continuous | Delayed Prompt

OK Cancel

Adjusting the proportion of the window showing boxes



The prompt window

The prompt will appear in the prompt window.

WARNING: If the delay prompt option is selected then the prompt won't be visible in this window until the specified period after recording starts.



Right-click for Prompt display options.

'Show text' – show or hide the prompt text. By default the text is shown.

'Show Image' – show or hide the associated image. By default the image is shown.

'Green when recording' – Sets the prompt display background green when the recording starts.

'Play Audio/AVI Prompt' – Plays the associated audio/video prompt. Off by default.

'Font size' – Font size can be fixed. By default the font size adjusts automatically to fill the prompt screen.

