



RETU
READ TO YOU

Quick Start Guide

Turn documents into spoken audio, follow the active sentence, and return exactly where you left off.



OPEN

LISTEN

RESUME

A practical walkthrough for private, on-device narration

Start with a document

Open a supported file or paste text directly into RETU. The document stays available for focused reading and narration.

OPEN A FILE

1

Tap Open

From the welcome screen, tap Open to choose a document from your device or cloud file provider.

2

Choose your document

RETU supports text-based PDF, TXT, Markdown, DOCX, ODT, EPUB, RTF, and Google Docs files.

3

Let RETU prepare it

The app extracts readable text, divides it into listening sections, and shows the reading view.

OR PASTE TEXT

Tap Paste, add a title, insert the text you want to hear, and tap Import. This is useful for articles, notes, drafts, and short passages.

SUPPORTED CONTENT

PDF

TXT

DOCX

EPUB

RTF

ODT

PASTE

FIRST-RUN NOTE

RETU may download its speech model and selected voice the first time they are needed. Once those assets are ready, document narration is generated on your device.

Listen and follow along

RETU keeps the document visible while it speaks, so you can listen, scan ahead, or stay centered on the active sentence.

1

Play and pause

Tap the large center control to prepare narration, start listening, pause, or resume.

2

Follow narration

Turn on Follow to keep the active sentence centered as the document is spoken.

3

Replay a section

Tap Replay to hear the current section again from the beginning.

4

Use full screen

Tap the reading area to expand it. Tap the full-screen control again to return.

TRY IT NOW

Press Play and listen as RETU centers the sentence being spoken. The current sentence becomes more prominent while nearby text stays visible for context. You can pause at any time, read ahead, or return to the highlighted passage without losing your place.

PLAYER SHORTCUTS

-10 SEC

BOOKMARK

PLAY / PAUSE

+10 SEC

SETTINGS

Tap the elapsed time to open the narration timeline. The progress bar shows how far you are through the document.

Make narration yours

Open Settings and More from the player. The Reader tab brings voice, speed, and timeline controls together.



Narrator Voice

Choose the voice that best fits the document. A newly selected voice may download once before it is ready for on-device use.

Tip: Try a few lines with Replay after changing voices. Names and technical terms can sound different across narrators.

PLAYBACK SPEED

0.85x - 1.0x

Dense or unfamiliar material

1.15x - 1.35x

Everyday reading and review

1.5x - 2.0x

Scanning familiar material

NARRATION TIMELINE

Use the timeline to move among prepared sections. For paged documents, tap the time indicator to jump toward a page. RETU only enables sections that are ready to play.

REMEMBERED FOR NEXT TIME

Your selected narrator, playback speed, and reading position are stored locally so RETU can offer to resume the document later.

Save your place

Create named bookmarks for important passages, or let RETU remember your most recent playback position automatically.

ADD A BOOKMARK

1

Pause near the passage

Stop where you want to return, or leave narration playing.

2

Tap the bookmark control

Use the bookmark button in the player or the top app bar.

3

Manage it later

Open Settings and More, then choose the Bookmarks tab.

BOOKMARK ACTIONS

O

Open

Jump directly to the saved part and playback time.

R

Rename

Replace the automatic label with something meaningful.

X

Remove

Delete a bookmark you no longer need.

USEFUL LABELS

Key finding Review later Chapter summary Quote to revisit

Short, descriptive names make longer documents much easier to navigate.

RESUME RECENT DOCUMENTS

Return to the welcome screen and select a recent document. RETU restores the saved part, playback time, voice, speed, and bookmarks, then asks whether to Resume Now or Start Over.

Take the audio with you

Live narration and saved exports are separate. Export renders the full document as an M4A audio file you can preview or share.

CREATE AN EXPORT

1

Open the Export tab

Tap Settings and More in the player, then choose Export.

2

Tap Render Export

RETU generates the document audio and shows progress while it works.

3

Preview, open, or share

When the export is ready, use Play, Open, or Share. Use Remove to delete the saved export.

PRIVACY BY DESIGN

Documents are processed locally for RETU's core reading features. The app does not require an account, and RETU Studio does not sell your personal data.

Speech models and voice assets are downloaded only to enable requested on-device narration.

IMPORTANT

Automated narration and highlighting can contain errors. For legal, medical, financial, academic, safety-critical, or other important material, verify the result against the original document.

QUESTIONS OR SUPPORT

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