

Adobe Captivate 9 – NeoSpeech

NeoSpeech is a free text-to-speech installation for Adobe Captivate 9. It installs additional voices to choose from when you convert the slide notes text to an audio file. The following explains where you can get the installation file, convert slide notes to a text-to-speech audio file, and how to use NeoSpeech VTML to customize text to speech pronunciation.

Installation

To get the NeoSpeech voices for Adobe Captivate 9 you must download and install them.

- Windows 64-bit - http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp9_win64_voices_installer
- Mac - http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp9_mac_voices_installer

Slide Notes

You can add slide notes to each slide and be able to use those for text-to-speech.

1. On the *menu bar*, click **Window**.
2. From the *Window* menu drop-down, click **Slide Notes**.
3. On the *Filmstrip*, click **a slide** (See Figure 1).
4. In the *Slide Notes* panel, click the **Plus (+)** button (See Figure 1).
5. Type the **Note** (See Figure 1)
6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 for the rest of the notes.

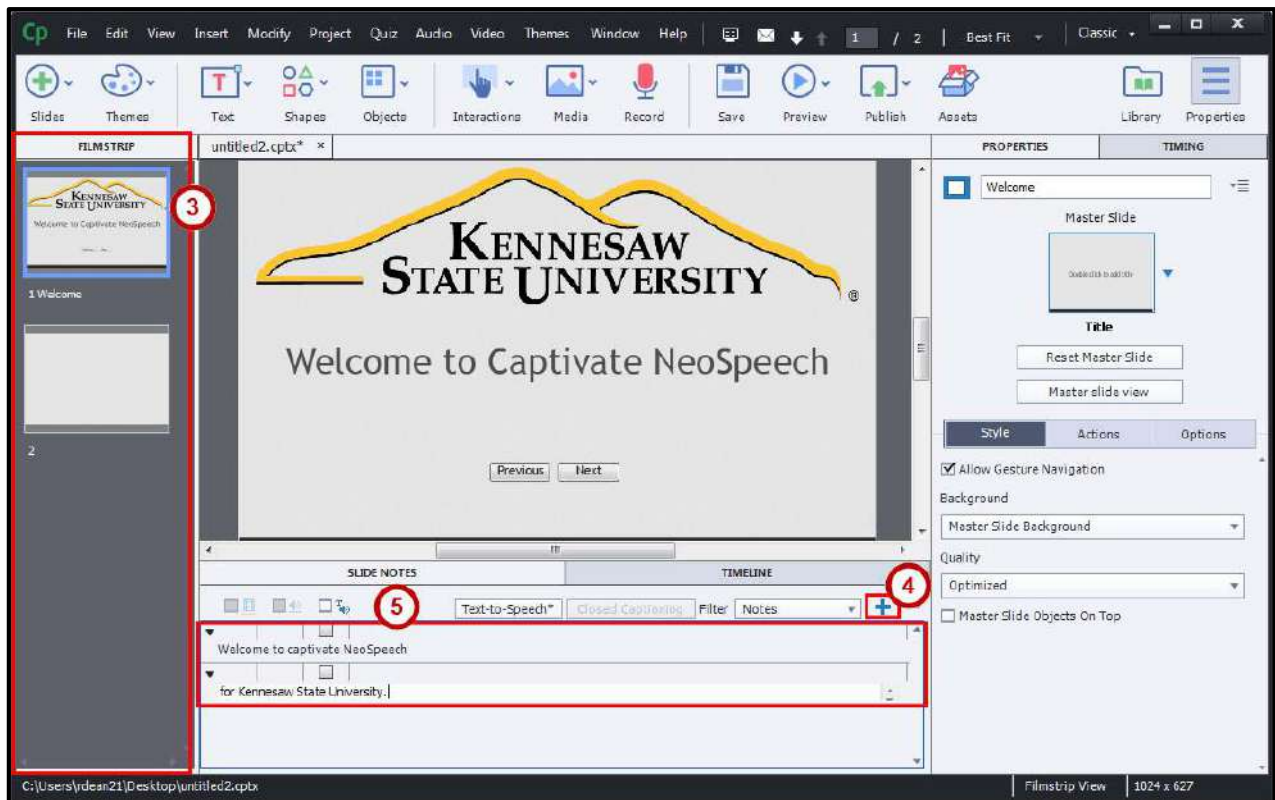


Figure 1 - Slide Notes

Text-to-Speech

Use Text-to-Speech to generate an audio file of the slide notes. All slide notes are generated into a single audio file.

1. On the *menu bar*, click **Window**.
2. From the *Window* menu drop-down, click **Slide Notes**.
3. On the *Filmstrip*, click a **slide** (See Figure 2).
4. In the *Slide Notes* panel, check the **Text-to-Speech** check-box (See Figure 2).
5. Click the **Text-to-Speech** button (See Figure 2).

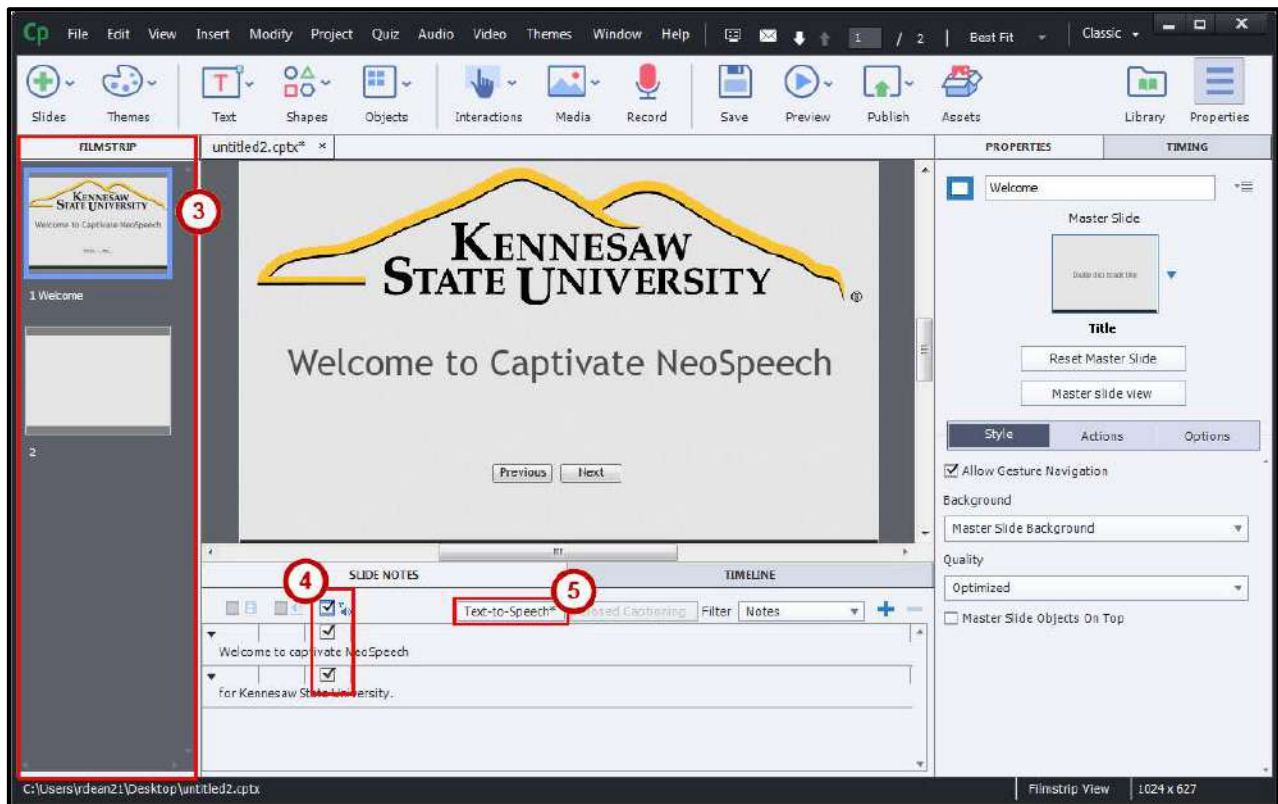


Figure 2 - Text-to-Speech

6. From the *Speech Management* dialog box, click a **Caption**.

Note: To select multiple captions at the same time, hold down the **Ctrl** button on the keyboard while clicking each caption.

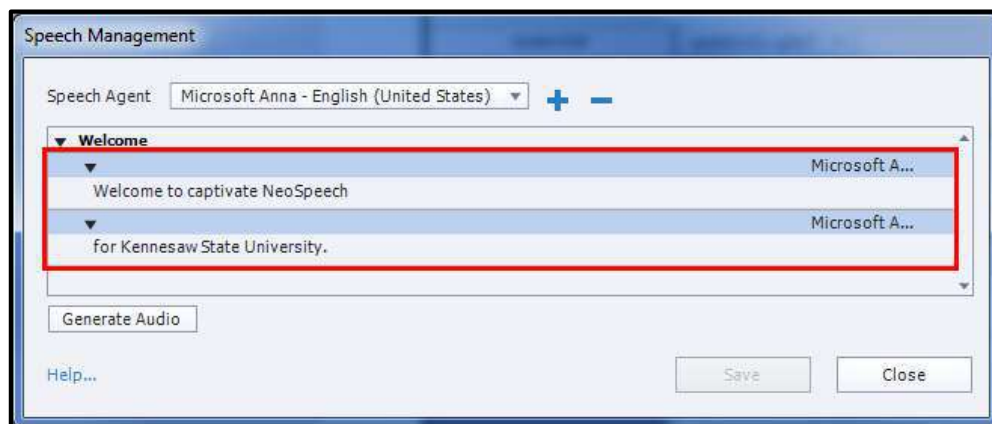


Figure 3 - Text-to-Speech Captions

7. Click the **Speech Agent** drop-down (See Figure 4).
8. From the *Speech Agent* drop-down, click a **Name** (See Figure 4).

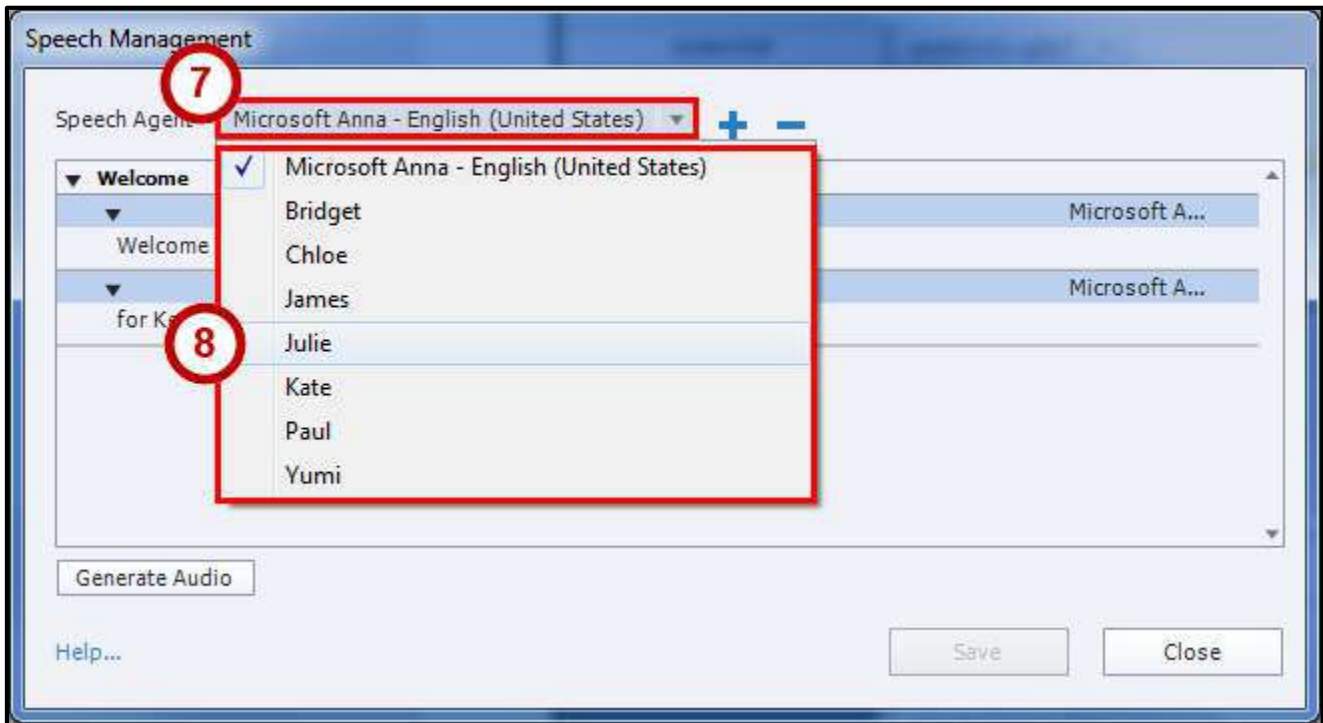


Figure 4 - Speech Agent

9. Click the **Generate Audio** button.

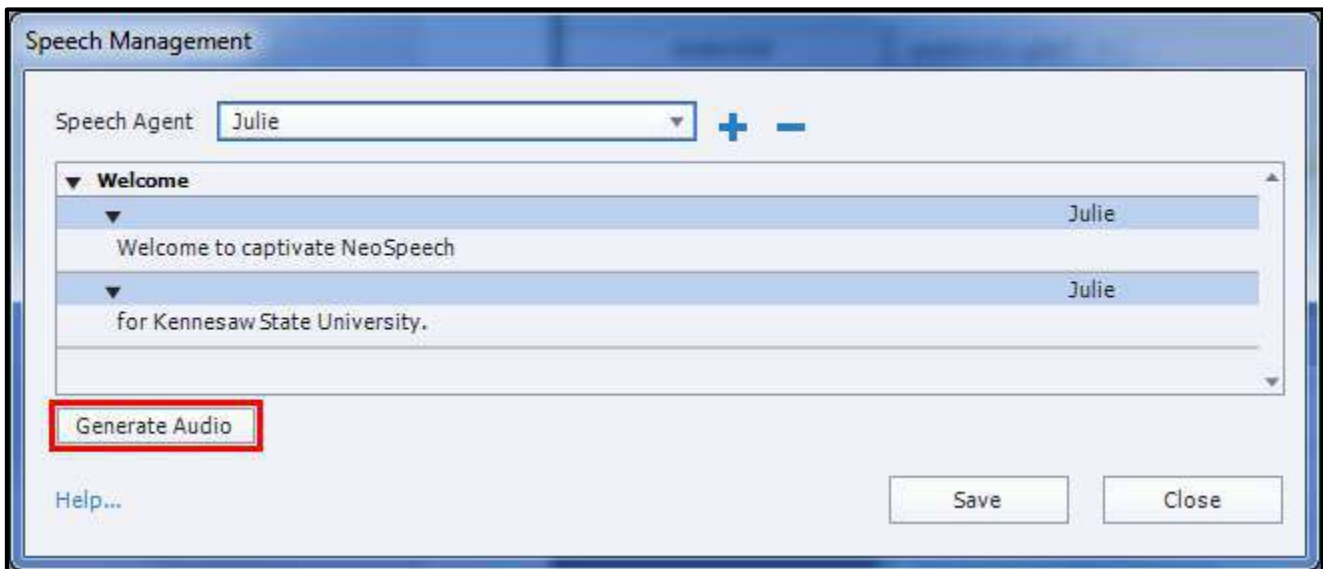


Figure 5 - Generate Audio

Customizing Text-to-Speech Pronunciation

You can control how the text-to-speech is spoken by using VTML (VoiceText Markup Language). With VTML you can add a pause, change how the word is spoken by changing its class (e.g. noun, verb), etc.

VTML User Guide

- https://media.neospeech.com/document/vt_eng-Engine-VTML-v3.9.0-3.pdf

VTML Example

Here are a couple examples.

- `<vtml_pause>` - Sets a pause to be inserted. This example sets a 1 second pause.
 - Welcome to captivate NeoSpeech`<vtml_pause time="1000"/>` for Kennesaw State University.

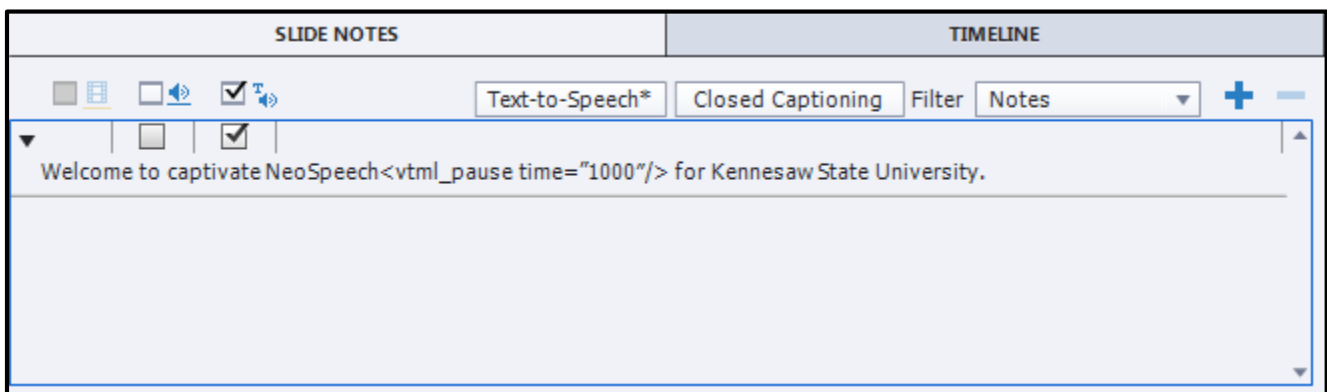


Figure 6 - `<vtml_pause>`

- `<vtml_partofsp>` - Changes the word class to a noun, verb, etc.
 - Did you `<vtml_partofsp part="verb">`record`</vtml_partofsp>` that `<vtml_partofsp part="noun">`record`</vtml_partofsp>` for the KSU sports team?

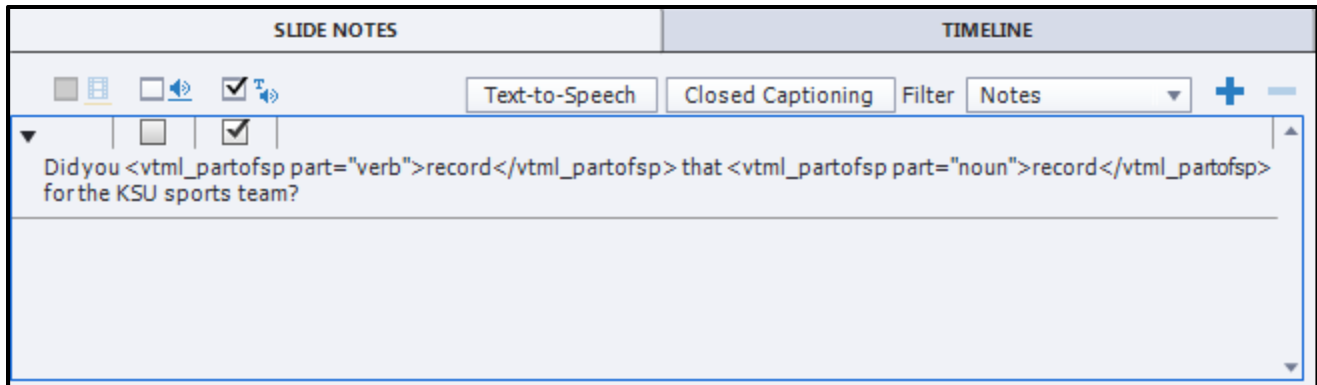


Figure 7 - `</vtml_partofsp>`