

Praat handout #1**Downloading and installing Praat**

Praat [pra:t] (Dutch for ‘talk, tattle, boasting’) is a freeware program for speech analysis. It is provided by Paul Boersma and David Weenink of the Institute of Phonetic Sciences, University of Amsterdam. This handout tells you how to download and install Praat on your own computer.

The Praat software is frequently updated by its authors. The changes are usually small, but if you are using this handout along with a different version of Praat from the one listed below, you may find that some of the functions and features look or act slightly differently from the way they are described here.

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1.1 Downloading and installing Praat

- (1) Go to the **Praat web site** (also linked from our class web site under *Praat resources*):
<http://www.praat.org>
- (2) To **download** the version of Praat for your operating system, click on the appropriate link (i.e., “Windows”) at the top left of the Praat main page and follow the directions.
- (3) **Install** Praat on your computer — usually by clicking on the file that you have downloaded and telling the installer program where to put (“extract”) the Praat program.

1.2 Problems?

- If you are unfamiliar with using your computer, or with installing new software, you may be able to get some **help** from ITS [Information Technology Services].
 - Walk-in: ITS Response Centers: Undergraduate Library and SASB South
 - Phone: 962-HELP
 - Web site: <http://its.unc.edu/itrc/> (for online help requests and more information)
 - Online chat: <http://help.unc.edu/chat>
- If you **can’t hear sounds** when you try to listen to a sound file (see Praat handout #3):
 - (a) Make sure your headphones are plugged into the headphone/audio jack on your computer (it may be green).
 - (b) Find your computer’s control panels and make sure that the audio volume is not set too low and is not muted. In Windows, you can probably do this by clicking on the Start menu and then Control Panel > Sound(s & Audio Devices).
- If you don’t have **access to an Internet connection** for downloading Praat, or you have **other problems** downloading, installing, or using the Praat software, please let me know:
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