

DAISY: the Best Way to Read and Publish for Everybody

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Abstract

The DAISY Consortium envisions a world where people with print disabilities have equal access to information and knowledge, without delay or additional expense. The DAISY Consortium's mission is to develop and promote international standards and technologies which enable equal access to information and knowledge by all people with print disabilities and which also benefit the wider community.

The presentation:

- Demonstrates synchronized multimedia in DAISY format that are fully accessible for people with reading disabilities:
 - synchronization of audio, text and graphics enhances accessibility and understanding;
 - navigation by table of contents, pages, bookmarks and full text search
 - multimodality supports diversity of reading styles
 - inter-operability of authoring/playback tools based on open and non-proprietary standard, DAISY = ANSI/NISO Z39.86-2005
 - global network of DAISY Consortium
- Outlines how the DAISY Consortium is developing open standards and open source tools for authoring and playback of DAISY contents:
 - DAISY Next, DAISY Online
 - Save as DAISY Translator, DAISY Pipeline
 - AMIS, Obi, Tobi, etc.
- Introduces good practices:
 - DAISY in Education
 - DAISY for HIV/AIDS prevention
 - DAISY for disaster preparedness of persons with disabilities
- Encourages to join the global sharing of knowledge in DAISY format