

Stream Companion

The Stream companion is an application used to manage your digital talking books (DAISY or NISO) and audio notes.

Use the Stream Companion to copy these DAISY or NISO books to your storage card or remove them from the storage card.

The Stream Companion can also convert your Stream's audio notes to WAV files you can use on your computer. It can also be used to remove audio notes from your storage card and remove converted wav files from your computer.

To copy books from your computer or convert the audio notes you will need to connect the Stream to the computer or load the Stream's SD card into your computer card reader.

Stream Companion main window

The Stream Companion main window has two tabs: Books and Audio Notes. Each of these tabs is divided into two sections. The top portion is dedicated to books or Audio notes located at a selected location on the computer while the lower portion corresponds to the books or audio notes found on the Stream's storage card. Each section is itself divided into three columns. The first column lists book titles, the second displays the status of the book and the third provides the storage size of the book.

Note: Compressed zipped files on the computer will not appear on the Books on PC list unless they are first unzipped to a subfolder within the specified books location.

Using the Stream Companion

Use the Tab key or shortcut keys to navigate the controls on the screen. Use Control Tab to switch to and from the Books and Audio Notes tabs. The Select Storage card option allows you to specify the storage card location, whether it is in your Stream connected to your computer or in a card reader. The Space on Storage card before operation and Space on Storage card after operation are used to determine the space that is currently on the Storage card and the space that will be left after transferring or removing books.

Transferring Talking books from your Computer to the Stream

Specify the location of the digital talking books on your computer. The current location is listed in the PC books location. To look for books in a different location, use the Browse PC button. To transfer books from a CD browse to your CD drive. All the books found in the specified location and all its subfolders will be listed under Books on PC. Note that you can obtain additional information on any book on the list by pressing Alt Enter.

Use the keyboard arrows to browse the list of books found at the specified location. To select a book, press the Spacebar. When selected, the status of the book, indicated in the second column, will change from Not Selected to Selected for transfer. Note that the Space on Storage card after

operation value will be modified according to the size of the book. To copy the selected books to your Stream's storage card, press the Transfer/Remove Selected books button or simply press Enter while in the list of files because the Transfer/Remove button is the default button. A Progress window will provide an estimate of the time required for the operation to complete. A beeping sound will be heard during the process to indicate that the transfer is underway. When finished, you will be informed that the transfer was successful. The transferred books are now listed in the Books on storage card section.

Note: If you attempt to transfer a book that is already on the storage card you will be asked to confirm if you want to proceed. If you continue, the book already on the storage card will be replaced. The book files will be transferred to their own subfolder within the talking books bookshelf (\$VRDTB).

Deleting Talking books from the Stream

Use the Select Storage Card combo drop down to specify the location of your storage card. The books found will be listed in the Books on Storage Card section.

Use the keyboard arrows to browse the list of books on the storage card. To make a selection, press the Spacebar. When selected, the status of the book, indicated in the second column, will change from Not Selected to Selected for Removal. Note that the Space remaining after operation value will be modified according to the size of the book. To delete the selected books from your Stream's storage card, press the Transfer/Remove Selected books button or simply press Enter while in the list of files because the Transfer/Remove button is the default button. An information window will appear asking you to confirm the deletion. When finished, you will be informed that the books have been deleted. The deleted books are no longer listed in the Books on storage card section.

Converting Audio Notes

Audio Notes are listed in the Audio notes on Storage card section.

Use the keyboard arrows to browse the list of notes on the storage card. Use the Play button to preview a note file. Press Stop to interrupt preview. To select an audio note for conversion or removal, press the Spacebar. When selected, the status of the file, indicated in the second column, will change from Not Selected to Selected.

Use Browse PC to determine the location on the computer where you want to save your converted notes. Select the Convert button to create WAV files on your computer from the selected audio notes on the Storage card.

When finished, you will be informed that the conversion was successful. The converted WAV files are now listed in the Audio notes on PC section.

Removing Audio Notes

Use the keyboard arrows to browse the list of notes on the storage card. To make a selection, press the Spacebar. When selected, the status of the note, indicated in the second column, will change from Not Selected to Selected.

To remove the Selected Audio notes, press the Remove button.

An information window will appear asking you to confirm the deletion. Select Ok to continue. When finished, you will be informed that the deletion was successful.

Exiting Stream Companion

When you exit Stream Companion you are placed in the Windows Safely Remove Hardware dialog. The Stream will appear in the list of Hardware devices as a USB Mass Storage Device. If there is more than one device connected to your computer, use the arrows to make your selection. Press the Tab key to activate the STOP device button. This notifies Windows that you want to stop your card reader device so you can safely remove the SD card. Select OK to confirm that you want to Stop the device. Windows will then tell you it is safe to remove the SD card. If you wish to exit Stream Companion and leave the SD card active you can simply exit the Safely Remove Dialog without stopping the device.

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