

## Sony Soloist® Digital Comparative Recorder

### Developing Key Language Skills

#### Motivate and Guide Language Learners

- **Engage Students** with a digital tool that they are comfortable working with.
- **Maximize Time** students have to develop core language skills.
- **Easy Access to Rich Digital Content** to promote creative thinking and expression.
- **Encourage Collaborative Learning** using the Soloist software for pair and group activities.
- **Accelerate Interpersonal Communication** with more time to listen and speak than in a traditional classroom.
- **Meet the Needs of All Learners** with self-paced activities and multi-level content.
- **Assess and Evaluate Student Progress** with verbal, text, and video feedback.



#### Build Speaking and Listening Skills

The Sony Soloist® Digital PC Comparative Recorder Software is designed with tools to help students develop speaking and listening skills. It is a full featured media player and very importantly enables full comparative recording capability. This provides a distinct advantage, allowing students to spontaneously review and compare the stimulus to their recording in one standard audio file. A teacher's review with comments or corrections inserted within the same file provides more reinforcement in a simple-to-use format.

#### An Integral Component of the Sony Digital Language Lab



As part of a Sony Digital Language Learning System, the Sony Soloist Software is typically installed on each student PC and works in tandem with the Sony Virtuoso™ Instructional Control Software, the digital interface and control panel for the language teacher. Both software components

communicate via a local area network (LAN) connection. Together, the Sony Virtuoso Software and the Sony Soloist Software provide a fully functional, instructional digital language lab.

"Speaking is the most difficult thing to assess in the classroom. The lab helps students with speaking skills and helps teachers in assessing them."

– Spanish Teacher, CT

## More Flexibility for the Student and Instructor

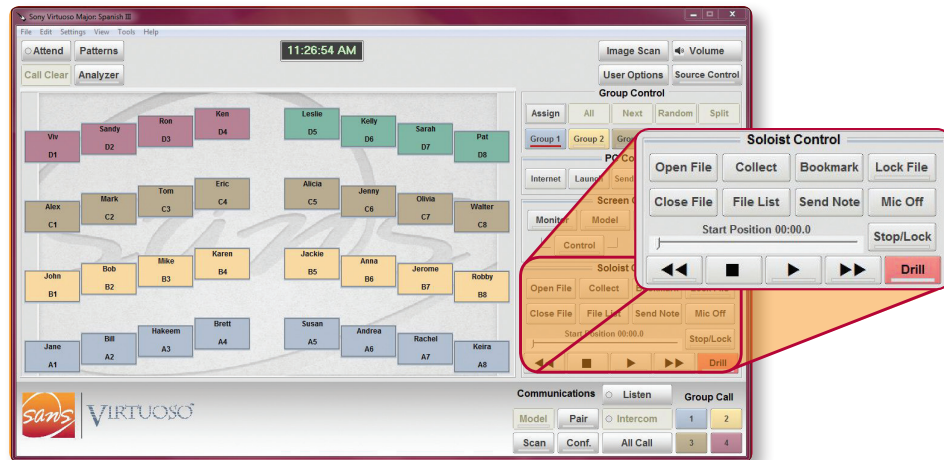
The Sony Soloist recorder may be controlled by the student or by the instructor. For activities that are guided, the language teacher may opt to start and stop the student recorders as part of the activity to keep everyone paced and on-task. This is done using the Soloist Remote Control functionality in the Sony Virtuoso instructional control panel.

A teacher may also open and close files, set bookmarks to delineate important points, and digitally collect students' work.

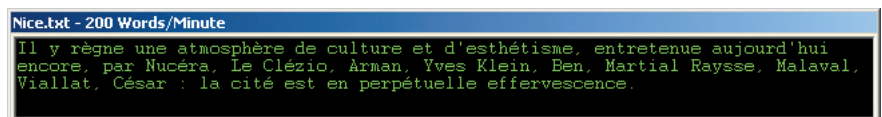


Set up to 200 bookmarks with instructor's comments.

Integrated Text to Speech Technology enables students to read on-screen text while the PC "speaks" the written words. Students hear the correct pronunciation of the passage they are reading.



For independent study outside of the instructional classroom, in a library or dorm for instance, Sony Soloist Software is installed on any PC on a local area network (LAN). Students can access audio and video lesson materials and save their work in a designated folder or e-mail it to their instructor for review. Likewise, a language teacher may have the Sony Soloist Software installed on an office workstation to review and save student work or to develop lesson content.



Students read the text and hear the written words in the target language.

## Creating Stimulating Lessons

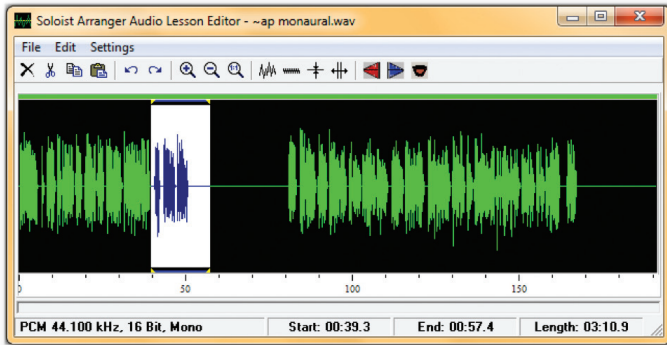
In addition to the myriad of tools that the Sony Soloist Software brings to language students, it includes a full set of background authoring and editing tools for language teachers to create unique multimedia lessons, reading and writing exercises, translation and pronunciation activities, quizzes and tests. Your knowledge, resources, and creativity present unlimited opportunities to tailor lessons that fit your teaching style and curriculum.

Content is easily customized for multi-level classes and activities may be accelerated or pared down to meet the needs of individual learners.

**"The simple interface makes it approachable. The combination of advanced technology and basic interface is very attractive..."**

—Lab Director, GA

## Creating Stimulating Lessons (continued)

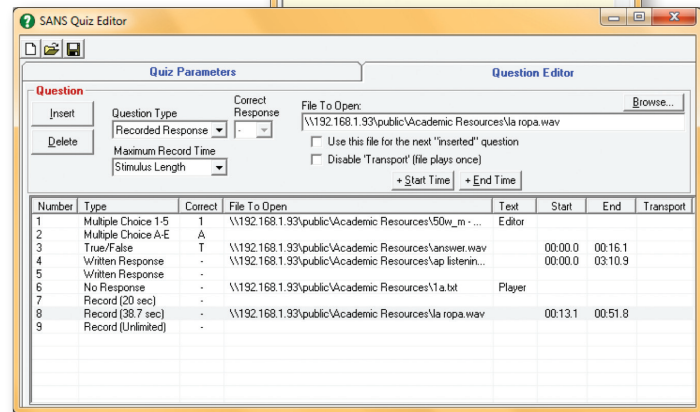
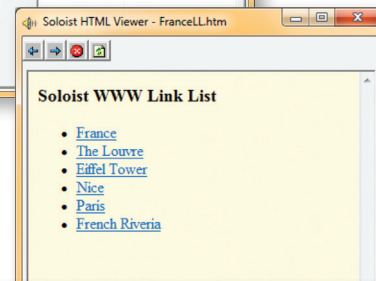
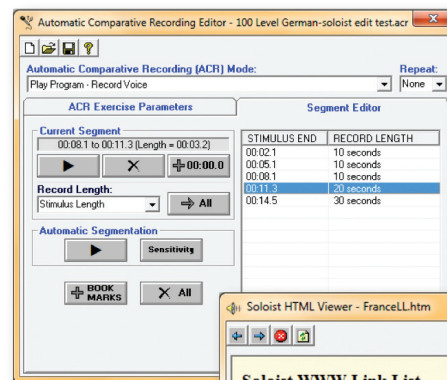


- Arrange audio segments using simple editing tools - just select, cut, copy, and paste as you would text in a word processing program.
- Compose a lesson to include any variety of related audio, video, and/or text clips that can be opened simultaneously.
- Add synchronized text to audio or video lesson files to reinforce comprehension.

- Customize Auto Comparative Recording (ACR) exercises by selecting the sequence, repetition, and length of the program material and student response.
- Add synchronized text to audio or video lesson files to reinforce comprehension.
- Develop a focused web based lesson by creating a "Link List" of internet sites relating to a specific topic.



- Annotate lessons with the built-in white board.
- Develop tests and other assessment materials with multimedia content. Easily combine question types and oral or written responses. These may be delivered as timed or self-paced activities.





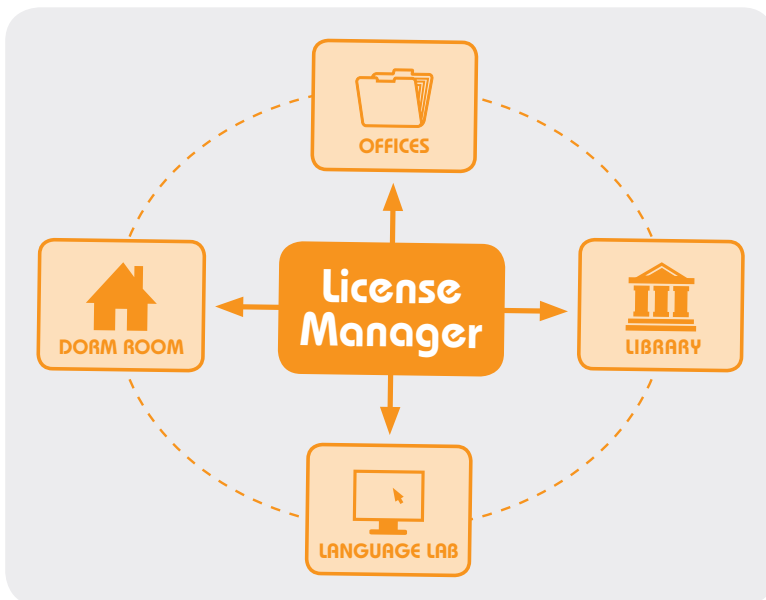
**"Students are now getting used to recording and listening to themselves, and we can hear the positive results in their fluency."**

– Technology Specialist, NZ

## Creating a Flexible, Cost-Effective, Multi-User Environment

In a networked learning environment, language teachers and students may not always be working on the same PC in the same physical location. To enable flexibility and to provide a cost effective way to maximize the use of your Sony Soloist Software, SANS has developed a process to manage your software licenses.

Our Concurrent Controller license manager software allows for multiple networked users to work with the Sony Soloist software without having to purchase licenses for every fixed PC. In essence, it allows you to "float" your Sony Soloist software licenses and enables full functionality of the Soloist software based on the number of "concurrent licenses" purchased.



## Smart Technology

- Excellent Sound Quality
- Standard International File Formats
- Unicode Compliant for Text Applications
- Hundreds of Administrator Selectable Feature Choices – Many Unique to the Sony Soloist Digital PC Comparative Recorder
- Designed, Developed, and Supported in the United States of America