Help make AAC faster!
Donate text to the Baton project

AAC is slow

A common complaint from people who use AAC Is "it's so slow".
One reason for this is that word prediction often fails to provide a user's desired word.
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What are researchers doing about it?

Researchers are working to make more accurate prediction systems. The problem is these systems are based on news articles or web pages - not what an AAC user writes. We need to know what people who use AAC write and say to make AAC better.

What can I do to help?

Donate a few phrases from your device speech history. You can choose exactly what to donate and how much. You might think about donating phrases you commonly use or ones you think your AAC device should be better at predicting.

What would happen?

You run a piece of software on your computer each time you want to donate. Your messages are then displayed and you choose which ones to donate to a open (free for researchers) database.

Is it safe?

The software will flag phrases from your message history with potential personal information, but you will control exactly which phrases you donate. Data is transmitted and stored securely. Phrases will be reviewed by a small group of professionals to make sure nothing in your messages could identify you.

How do I get involved?

Contact the lead researcher, Keith Vertanen at vertanen@mtu.edu
He will make sure you are comfortable with the process and answer any questions. He will then direct you how to install the software.

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