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Feature

TD Pilot - a new era, accurate Eye Tracking for iOS device

The newest member of the CDP inventory is the TD Pilot. TD Pilot is an eye-controlled communication device for iPad Pro. Designed with conditions such as ALS/MND, spinal cord injury or cerebral palsy in mind, this device offers the ability to access necessary communication software as well as an individual's favourite apps. *** devices will only be provided 'unlocked' in certain situations.**



TD Pilot is a durable device designed for [augmentative and alternative communication](#). It can be controlled via eye tracking in all kinds of lighting conditions, even outdoors.

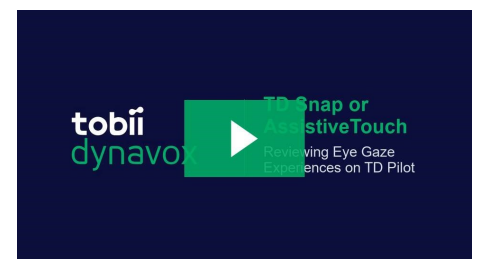
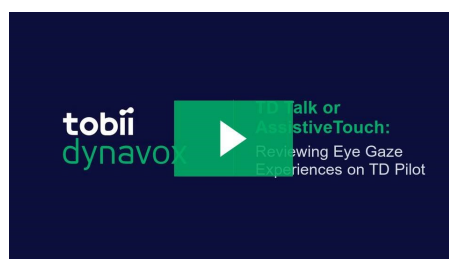
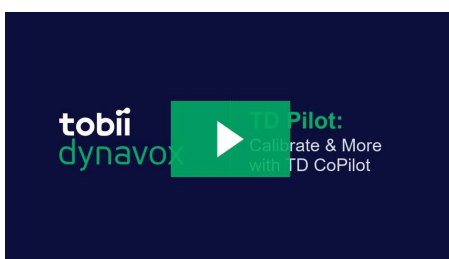
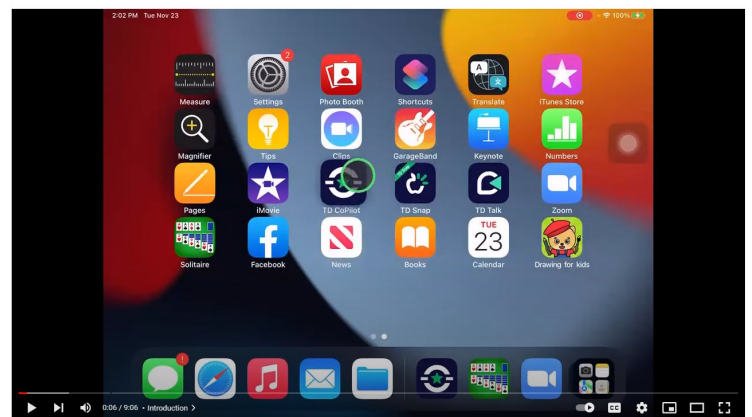
The device also offers a rear-facing Partner Window for more natural face-to-face conversations.

TD Pilot takes advantage of Apple's iPadOS accessibility features, enabling tasks such as tapping or scrolling using your eyes, fingers or a switch.

If you are just getting started with a TD Pilot device, or would like to learn more about what it offers, these videos will be helpful. You can click on each of the images, or the text below to access the videos.

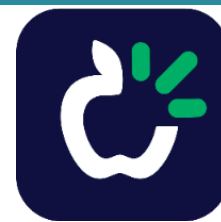
Right: [TD Pilot Overview - Susan Trumble](#)

- Bottom: 1. [Calibration and More](#),
2. [TD Talk and Assistive Touch](#), and
3. [TD Snap and Assistive Touch](#)



AAC Spotlight - Aphasia Profile TD Snap

Flexible, Customizable, Multi-Access



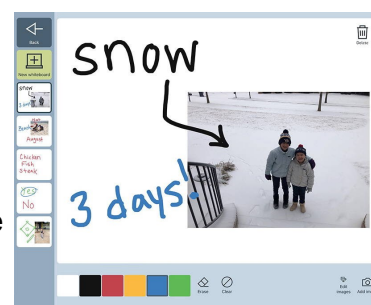
Many of you may already be aware of the software/ app by Tobii DynaVox called TD Snap. But, did you know that this software used to be called Snap + Core or Snap Core First? It was, and it continues to be improved by Tobii Dynavox! We first featured this software in our Summer 2021 newsletter. You can learn more about it here.

Today, we want to focus on the Aphasia Profile that is available in the current version of TD Snap. Why do we like it so much? It's really these key features:

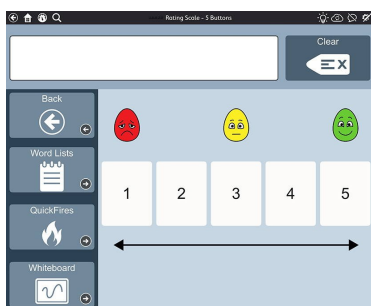


1. **Word Lists** - These are the 'home base' for the TD Snap Aphasia Profile. They can be used to clarify a topic to support spoken messages, and to practice speech. They are organized in categories as well as by frequency of use. As with all the page sets in TD Snap, Word Lists are easy to customize, and offer blank templates for easy customization.

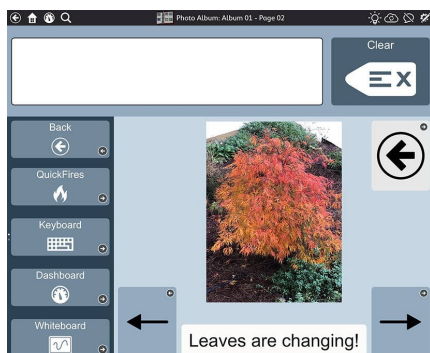
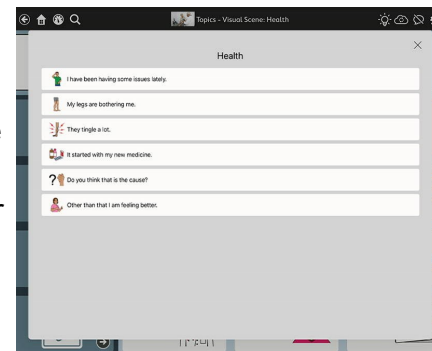
2. **The Whiteboard** - this incorporates multiple modes of communicating. Such as written key words, drawings, and photographs to support understanding as well as expression. It's essentially digital pen & paper! It is located in the toolbar in the Aphasia Profile.



3. **Rating Scales** - Good tool for quick communication. They can be used in the traditional sense to express pain/ discomfort, but they may also come in handy for expressing interest in things. There are 4 pre-programmed scales available, but are very easy to customize. Rating scales are also available on the toolbar in the Aphasia Profile.



4. **Scripts** - These can be found within the 'Topics' which are located on the toolbar of the Aphasia Profile. Scripts can be used to provide practice opportunities for using natural speech in routine and familiar situations, or they can be used to convey a message for an individual.



5. **Photo Albums** - These can be found in the 'Dashboard', which is located in the toolbar. Here, you can organize photos that are important to the person with aphasia. This gives them the tools to be able to share their experience with others. It can also be used to target skills (such as naming and receptive identification) in therapy, using personally relevant images.

For more information about TD Snap Aphasia you can visit: <https://us.tobiidynavox.com/pages/td-snap-aphasia>. If you are a clinician or are eligible for services in Manitoba, please feel free to contact the Communication Devices Program for more information: cdp@wrha.mb.ca or 204-831-3430.

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC)

People Who Use AAC (PWUAAC) Monday Night Chat

The objective of ISAAC Chats in 2022/23 is to increase participation through localization: trying to increase participation from around the world by holding more chats with regional hosts. Many people who use AAC have regimented time schedules due to many factors. The hosts also have restricted time schedules. As Kevin and Lateef are both based in the United States, it limits the participation from other parts of the world. Going forward, we will recruit and teach other people who use AAC to host and lead a chat in their local region at a time that's more convenient for them. Any PWUAAC from all over the world can join us for any chat session if their schedule permits.

The hosts recognize that some participants need more time to prepare their thoughts for the chat. They will suggest some general topics they would like to discuss with individuals on upcoming chats. You can use the general topics to compose a prepared message. Please remember this chat is a conversation limited to one hour. Please keep your message concise as possible, and be ready to have a discussion.

They may not be able to get to everyone's message in the one-hour chat, especially when a topic sparks a good conversation that many people are commenting on. If you have something prepared that we didn't have time for, please let me know by sending an email to daretolead@isaac-online.org and we'll make sure you get a chance to speak the next available chat.

General Information about Joining the Chat:

You can join the meeting using any Google account you may already have. Instructions for how to set up a Google account (if you do not already have one) are [available here](#).

To reduce feedback, headphones are recommended. They aren't required, but it's just easier for everyone. Another recommendation is that if you are physically able to mute your microphone, please do so until you're ready to speak.

Introductions: With the chat's growth in numbers, they ask people to state their name before they make a comment in the chat. For example, if Kevin was going to comment on something, they would say:

"This is Kevin. I would like to say..."

Chats are held on the third Monday of the month. You can find more information, or to join click the link: <https://isaac-online.org/english/news/pwuaac-online-chats/>

Join the video chat

ISAAC Canada Update - Breaking the ICE is BACK!



ISAAC Canada is a proud sponsor of the Breaking the ICE

Conferences. The [Anne Warrick Breaking the ICE Scholarship](#) is for new and returning conference participants. If you've enjoyed in-person conferences before with BTI Alberta, BTI Ontario and ICE West, come and join us again for a BTI Canada event. ***If you are interested in participating on the organizing committee, we'd love to hear from you.***



To learn more about BTI Canada, go to the ISAAC Canada website (<https://isaac-canada.org/ice-conferences/>) and the BTI Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/84888948124>)

Research Opportunities

Experiences of AAC Technology Users

*information gathered directly from ISAAC website: <https://isaac-online.org/english/news/>

What is this study about?

Researcher Caroline Bollen of Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands is looking for participants in a study on ethical aspects of AAC technologies. They are interested in how AAC technologies can promote self-expression and empathy but perhaps also stigmatization. They would like to hear about daily life experiences with AAC and receive possible suggestions for improvement of AAC technologies and their role in today's society.

Who can be involved?

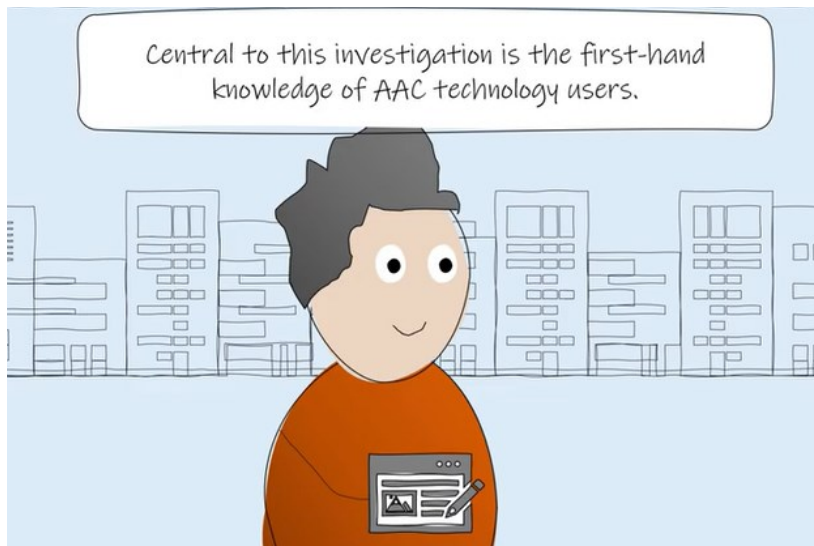
Eligible for participation are AAC technology users above 18 years old.

What would I be asked to do?

The study entails individual written interviews that will be conducted digitally and asymmetrically. Answers to the interview questions can be submitted either via SURFdrive or email.

Who has approved the research?

This study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands.



Watch this 5 minute animated video for a more detailed explanation of what you could expect from participation:

For more information, see:

[Information for participants: interviews on experiences with AAC technologies - YouTube](#)

[Information about the project](#)

[Letter of approval](#)

[Consent form](#)

Contact:

If you have questions or are interested in participating, contact Caroline Bollen (c.j.m.bollen@tudelft.nl).



Education & Resources - Winnipeg WAV

Winnipeg WAV

The City of Winnipeg has recently launched a new app called Winnipeg WAV (Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle). This pilot project is set to provide accessible transportation services. You can read more about the launch in the [CBC Article published on 12 May 2022](#).

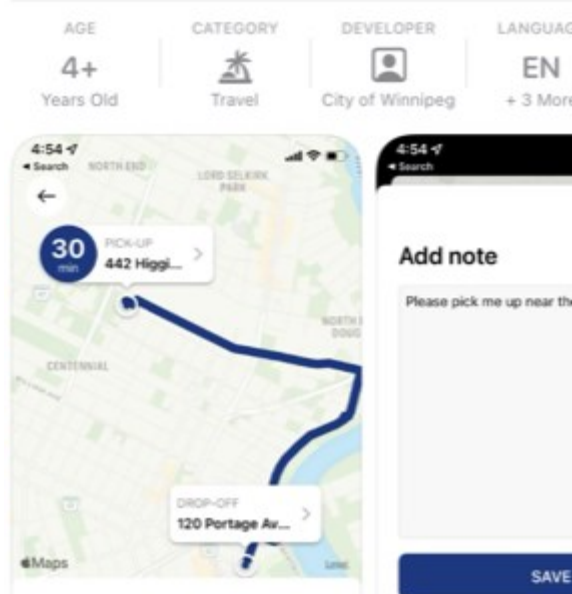


The City of Winnipeg website indicates that Winnipeg WAV's centralized dispatch system and call centre is the easiest way to secure a wheelchair accessible vehicle in Winnipeg. You can call (204-986-4WAV) or book the service online at: <https://winnipegwav.webbooker.icabbi.com/> OR use the new app, which you can download here: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/vehiclesforhire/wav/#app>

The City of Winnipeg has put together a short video clip introducing the new service. You can either click the image below, or visit this youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbXqsVDzeLA>



Current (as of April 2023) Winnipeg WAV dispatchers:



All Access Taxi Ltd.

Blueline Taxi/ Handi-Helper Service/ AE Crundwell

Duffy's Taxi

Greencity Taxi Ltd.

Spring Taxi/ Star Taxi

Unicity Taxi

Unijet Taxi Ltd.

Yellow Taxi Ltd.

What's New in CDP - WRHA Initiative

Every experience matters. Share yours with us.

Your feedback from the WRHA Service Experience Survey helps us improve our services and better meet your health care needs.

Share your thoughts and ideas with us! Even the smallest changes can make a big difference.



Take the 2-minute survey at wrha.mb.ca/experience-survey or scan the QR code.



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Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
Office régional de la santé de Winnipeg

The WRHA would like to invite you to participate in a short survey about your experience within the region. You may select the specific site and program that you visited so that we can properly act on your feedback. Please take a moment to provide your comments, constructive criticisms and/ or compliments! It all matters, and we want to hear from you!

What's New in CDP - New faces!



CDP is happy to introduce our new manager - Chris Zegalski. Chris comes to Deer Lodge Centre with a wealth of knowledge and experience in Community Mental Health. Chris' official position is Manager of Patient Care for Operational Stress Injury Clinic (OSIC) and CDP. Chris already fits right in with the CDP team, with his easy going attitude and love of the local sports teams! Go JETS Go! We want to take a moment to officially welcome Chris to the CDP team! You can reach Chris at czegalski@deerloge.mb.ca or on the phone at 204-612-3797.

We would also like to take a moment to welcome Jason Veal as the administrative assistant for the Communication Devices Program (CDP). Jason will be working with CDP in an indefinite term. If you haven't met Jason yet, you really should. His positive attitude and friendly outgoing demeanor are an absolute win for our program. If you have any CDP related questions go ahead and give him a call. You can reach Jason at jvea@deerlodge.mb.ca or on the phone at 204-831-3430.

