

# Read Naturally SE 2.0.3 Update

## Release Notes

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### Updates in SE 2.0.3

An important focus of the Read Naturally SE 2.0.3 update is changing the way the software is installed on computers, reducing installation time as much as 75%. This update also improves server stability and data integrity, and includes fixes for problems discovered after SE 2.0.2 was released. The fixes in the 2.0.3 update include the following:

#### Starting and Administering SE

- Software now uses commercial cross-platform installers from Vise. The new installers address permissions issues discovered in the previous installers. These new installers also significantly reduce installation time for Mac computers and older Windows computers.
- The 2.0.3 installation disk can be used to upgrade previous installations of SE version 2.
- Resetting story data for multiple students no longer deletes data for students that were not selected for reset.
- A message has been added to the School tab when changes are saved.
- A service utility has been added to Windows server installations to assist with stopping and starting the RNSEServer service.
- A process utility has been added to Mac server installations to assist with stopping and starting the RNSEServer process.
- A utility for recovering the administrator password has been added to server installations.
- In Teacher Management, the student count on the Student tab displays the correct data.
- In Teacher Management, sorting by columns works as intended.

#### Student Stories

- With previous releases, students could type in special characters that caused data integrity problems. The database has been improved to allow for several special characters, while restricting students from typing in non-approved special characters. This improvement should reduce if not eliminate errors related to data integrity. These include errors that occurred when trying to print out reports for certain students.
- Schools that use Workgroup Manager or roaming profiles can now use a generic network ID to log into multiple computers (If desired) without affecting Read Naturally login IDs.
- Students can no longer receive unusually high hot timing scores.

#### Quiz Step

- On Windows computers, an application error no longer occurs when answering questions that use pull-down menus (for example, in some phonics and upper-level quizzes).

#### Teacher Management and Reports

- When printing stories, incorrect images should no longer display.

- When printing stories, quiz questions that required students to place statements in a correct order will now print correctly with the other quiz questions.

## Updates in SE 2.0.2

Read Naturally SE 2.0.3 includes the updates in SE 2.0.2. Significant fixes in the 2.0.2 release include the following:

### Starting and Administering SE

- In Mac OS 9, the installation program correctly displays a confirmation message when adding a level instead of performing a complete re-installation of the software. This fix only applies to the full installation package, not the updater.
- Single-user network installations no longer incorrectly report that there are too many users for a level, if only one user per level is logged in.
- Administrator, teacher, and student passwords must now be unique.
- Administrators can now add license numbers for additional levels directly from the Teacher Management system without the use of the installation CD.

### Student Stories

- Fixed several usage scenarios that would cause the program to crash or quit unexpectedly, including:
  - Unchecking the Key Words story option when on the Key Words screen.
  - Selecting Retest on the remedial screen.
  - When printing from Print Options screen.
  - Quitting from the Prediction and Retell screens using the File menu Quit command.
  - Quitting from the Remedial screen.
  - Resizing the Help screen.
  - Quitting from the Placement screen using the File menu Quit command.
- The open-ended quiz question that is presented to the teacher for grading during the Pass step now displays the correct question. In some instances, the question that appeared would be from a story worked on by a previous student.
- Upper-level stories now display both pages of the story correctly when the teacher is grading the open-ended questions after the Pass step.
- The cold timing score is now calculated correctly when the 2-minute timing option is selected in Story Options. Previously, the cold timing score was divided by two when the 2-minute timing option was selected.
- When the Finished button is clicked on 2-minute timings in the Practice step, the practice score is now calculated correctly. Previously, difficult words were not being subtracted correctly.
- The Next button is no longer enabled if Read Along is started and stopped right away when coming from the Remedial screen.
- Printing the Story Results with the open-ended questions option disabled no longer prints incorrect information.

- Printing the Story Results no longer displays incorrect quiz results in certain circumstances.
- The Pass step no longer allows you to quit until it is complete. This resolves several problems when quitting in the middle of the Pass step.
- From the Remedial screen, clicking the "Reanswer questions and recheck" option will now automatically check the "Retest" option as well.
- On upper-level stories, disabling the open-ended questions option when you are on an open-ended question screen no longer causes the program to re-ask the question.
- Online help is now available from the Placement screens.

### **Teacher Management and Reports**

- The student record no longer disappears from the Student screen if a Class name has not been entered.
- Teachers can now type comments that will appear in the Super Reader awards. Awards will also now display the number of stories the student has completed.
- The quiz results in the Story Details report now prints open-ended quiz questions for upper level stories correctly.
- Prediction and Retell text with leading spaces now prints in reports.

## **Updates in SE 2.0.1**

Read Naturally SE 2.0.3 includes the updates in SE 2.0.1. Significant fixes in the 2.0.1 release include the following:

### **Starting and Administering SE**

- When using a stand-alone version of SE on Mac OS 9 workstations, SE now displays a descriptive message instead of "Error 35" when the level CD is missing from the workstation's CD drive.
- A message now displays when a workstation's version of QuickTime is outdated and incompatible with SE's audio files.
- When students try to log in to a level for which the stories have not been copied to the server (network installations), a descriptive message now displays instead of "Error 3."
- You no longer need to log in with the administrator's password to set or change the server's IP address that is configured in the SE client software.
- You can now reset the login status of just the administrator. Previously, you had to "Reset All" to reset the administrator's login status.

### **Student Stories Steps**

- When students quit Student Stories from the final Congratulations screen after passing stories, the next time they log in, the Select a Story screen displays. Previously, students were sometimes erroneously sent back to repeat steps even though they had passed the story.
- Steps from the Elizabeth Blackwell story no longer appear in other stories.
- SE now allows the student to continue past the Cold Timing step if the student clicks the Finished button.

- Students no longer see the Karen Sheffield Congratulations screen when they log in after quitting from a remedial Read Along or Practice step or from the first Congratulations screen of a phonics level.
- For two-minute timings, the pass timing score is now displayed correctly and consistently throughout the software. Previously, SE sometimes displayed the total words correct (for two minutes) instead of dividing it by two to show the words correct per minute.
- If students meet their goal in a practice timing and then quit, when they log back in they are now allowed to continue without another practice timing. Similarly, if students meet their goal in a practice timing and then the teacher changes their story options (from the Edit menu), when they return to the Practice screen, they are now allowed to continue without another practice timing.
- If students repeat the pass timing from the Congratulations screen (by selecting Pass Timing from the Retest menu), the pass feedback and Congratulations screens now correctly show the number of correct answers to the quiz questions.
- If students quit from the Prediction or Retell step, any text they typed will be saved the next time they log in. Previously, the text was saved only if they continued to the next step.

### **Quiz Step**

- In Mac OS 9, selecting answers to quiz questions from drop-down lists no longer causes the Student Stories application to crash.
- If students quit Student Stories in the middle of a quiz and then log back in, the quiz resumes where they left off, and the quiz results appear correctly in the reports.
- If the Quiz step is turned off but you turn it back on after the Practice step, SE no longer shows the teacher an open-ended question to grade from another story. Previously, this sometimes occurred when, for two successive students, the Quiz step was turned off but then turned back on after the Practice step.
- You can now print the quiz questions from any step in the story, as long as the Quiz step is enabled in the student's story options.

### **Teacher Management and Reports**

- In Teacher Management, the Students tab now shows the number of students listed.
- The Story Details report, Fluency Details Report, and Needs-At-A-Glance Report now accurately display the time students spend on the stories read since the 2.0.1 update was installed.
- In the Comprehension Details report, the Quiz Results by Question Type graph now displays correctly in Mac OS X browsers.
- The reports now display the student's goal correctly when the student quits from the Congratulations screen.