Introduction#

Atari Speed Reading is not just another Voice & Data program from Atari. It is the(!) template how a Voice & Data cassette has to be digitized. Peter Dell and Stefan Meyer had made a masterpiece here, showing us, how this can be done. First, we have a marvelous recording with the best parameters, which made the nowadays standard for recording Atari cassettes. Second, we have a manual in a top condition to quickly and easy find entries for the users and third, we have here an incredible good separation of the Voice & Data layers for further needs.

Peter Dell and Stefan Meyer recording Atari Speed Reading CX4126

Abstract#

Do it yourself self paced program, in only 30 days of practice you can increase your Reading, Speed and Comprehension. 8 Workbook units / lessons with 6 Elements in each unit (Warm-Up Exercise / Phrase-Reading Exercise / Paced and Timed Readings / New Techniques / Flexible Reading / Reading Progress Graph, also includes Voice-over Audio track which provides encouragement and instructions while the programs are loading. Requires an Atari Joystick, 410 or 1010 cassette recorder and the Atari BASIC cartridge. Ages 15 - adult. Requires 16K RAM. Thank you Bradley Koda from best-electronics-ca for the text.

References#

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speed_reading](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speed_reading); Speed reading in Wikipedia in English
- [http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schnelllesen](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schnelllesen); same as above in German

Box#

Atari Speed Reading CX4126

Manuals#

- [Speed Reading manual in the printversion](#); 205 pages ; size: 138.7 MB
- [Speed Reading manual in the screenversion](#); 205 pages ; size: 44.7 MB
- [Atari_Speed_Reading_CX4126_Workbook.pdf](#); 222 pages ; size: 27.2 MB

Cassette-Images in FLAC-format (Voice & Data)#

- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_1-Tape_1-Side_1.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_1-Tape_1-Side_1.flac); size: 105.0 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_2-Tape_1-Side_2.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_2-Tape_1-Side_2.flac); size: 93.4 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_3-Tape_2-Side_1.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_3-Tape_2-Side_1.flac); size: 95.9 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_4-Tape_2-Side_2.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_4-Tape_2-Side_2.flac); size: 95.2 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_5-Tape_3-Side_1.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_5-Tape_3-Side_1.flac); size: 91.5 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_6-Tape_3-Side_2.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_6-Tape_3-Side_2.flac); size: 89.9 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_7-Tape_4-Side_1.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_7-Tape_4-Side_1.flac); size: 92.0 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_8-Tape_4-Side_2.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_8-Tape_4-Side_2.flac); size: 94.3 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_9-Tape_5-Side_1.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Speed_Reading_Unit_9-Tape_5-Side_1.flac); size: 23.1 MB
Cassette-Images in FLAC-format (Voice only)

- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit1.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit1.flac) ; size: 45.2 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit2.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit2.flac) ; size: 40.2 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit3.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit3.flac) ; size: 41.2 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit4.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit4.flac) ; size: 41.5 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit5.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit5.flac) ; size: 40.1 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit7.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit7.flac) ; size: 38.8 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit8.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Unit8.flac) ; size: 40.6 MB
- [http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Timer.flac](http://data.atariwiki.org/FLAC/SR/Timer.flac) ; size: 10.3 MB

Cassette-Images in ATR-format (Data only)

- Unit 1
- Unit 2
- Unit 3
- Unit 4
- Unit 5
- Unit 6
- Unit 7
- Unit 8
- Timer

Separation of Voice & Data

After recording a cassette in the WAV-format, we can see the following picture in a program called Audacity:

Voice & Data track of a typical Voice & Data - Atari cassette ; thanks to tschak909 from AtariAge for the screenshot
The voice layer is at the top, the data layer at the bottom. With Audacity it is possible to separate the 2 layers. For Atari users with a Mac, this is important, because the emulator Atari800MacX in version 4.6.0 from Mark Grebe is not ready to read in WAV-files. Mark will take a look at that, when he has finished his PhD. Up to that time the Mac users must have that separation in order to use Voice & Data cassettes.

Images:

Atari Speed Reading cassettes
Atari Speed Reading box
Atari Speed Reading ad 1
Atari Speed Reading ad 2
Atari Speed Reading ad 3
Atari Speed Reading ad 4