

## Pick of the Month – April 2018

### AAC Pick:

## **Stephen Hawking's speech software is now available for free**

In light of the great loss the world recently experienced with Stephen Hawking's death, we wanted to share this article from a few years ago about the AAC system he used. By unlocking his voice, the world was able to receive his gifts and mind expanding knowledge about the universe, existence, and the human experience that continue to be immeasurable.

From The Verge:

“Stephen Hawking's speech system has been released by Intel as open-source code. The company is hoping that developers will tinker with it and expand its application to a wider range of disabilities.

“The Assistive Context-Aware Toolkit (ACAT) gives differently abled users the opportunity to use computers with very little movement, and was developed to help Hawking, who has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) communicate by translating his facial movements into text.”

Read the full article at: <https://www.theverge.com/2015/8/18/9173041/stephen-hawking-intel-github-speech-software>.