



Bamboo Spark Supports Handwriting to Text Conversion

Wacom's smart notebook delivers on its promise of growing with the customer by adding handwriting to text conversion to move notes and ideas forward faster.

Las Vegas, USA - 7 January 2016 (CES 2016) - Today at CES, Wacom® introduces handwriting to text conversion to Bamboo Spark, the company's smart notebook that saves notes digitally as they are written on paper. Converting handwritten notes to text brings several exciting new elements to Bamboo Spark including the ability to archive text notes and share them over email or other office applications such as Evernote.

"We are committed to keep adding to Bamboo Spark's capabilities and handwriting to text conversion is just one of many updates that will allow the product to grow with the customer," says Mike Gay, Senior Vice President for Wacom's Consumer Products Business Unit. "Think about the possibilities! From students who want to share their class notes later with a study group or those who may have missed class to a business person who wants to store client-meeting notes for use in a future presentation, ink to text conversion has dozens of powerful uses."

Handwritten notes are automatically captured in Inkspace, Wacom's Cloud service that works in tandem with the Bamboo Spark app. By clicking on the export button within the Bamboo Spark app, users can then place plain text into an email or other tools such as Evernote and OneNote to share with others.

Bamboo Spark's new handwriting to text function also provides advanced search capabilities, allowing one to search by single words, phrases or stings of text from the Bamboo Spark app. Handwriting to text conversion is supported in 13 languages: English, Japanese (incl. vertical orientation), German, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Korean, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese.



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Availability

Handwriting to text conversion will be available free of charge starting on the 6th of January for all Bamboo Spark users. Please visit www.wacom.com for more information.

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About Wacom

Founded in 1983, Wacom is a global company based in Japan (Tokyo Stock Exchange 6727) with subsidiaries and affiliate offices around the world to support marketing and distribution in over 150 countries. Wacom's vision to bring people and technology closer together through natural interface technologies has made it the world's leading manufacturer of interactive pen tablets and displays as well as of digital styli and solutions for saving and processing digital signatures. The advanced technology of Wacom's intuitive input devices has been used to create some of the most exciting digital art, films, special effects, fashion and designs around the world and provides business and home users with their leading interface technology to express their personality.

Millions of people worldwide use the wireless and battery free pressure-sensitive digital pen technology to operate their smartphones, media tablets or desktop computers and express their individual creativity. The company offers its products also as OEM solutions to leading manufacturers serving incremental markets. Wacom's interface technology, called Wacom feel IT technologies, is also offered as an integrated solution to strategic partners. Most Tablet PC manufacturers count on the advanced features and reliability of the brand to deliver a superior user interface experience.

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