

Duolingo Launches Hands-Off Apps for Google Glass and Android Wear

Pittsburgh, PA (June 25, 2014) – [Duolingo](#) has announced the launch of two exclusive versions of its app for Google Glass and Android Wear.

They are the first language education apps to become available for Google Glass and Android Wear, and among the first few apps of any kind for either platform.

Duolingo aims to bring free language education to people's lives worldwide. By creating tailored experiences for a variety of digital platforms, its users can now learn languages throughout the most diverse moments of their day – even while performing other tasks.

The company will showcase these new developments at the Google I/O developer conference this week in San Francisco.

The new apps allow language students to practice their weakest words using voice-activated flashcard sequences tailored to their individual needs. A sophisticated spaced-repetition algorithm enhances memorization by selecting words in need of immediate practice for each individual user.

Accessed via a voice command, the apps prompt users to respond to flashcard queries by stating the correct English translation for each, enabling completely hands-free practice. Speech-recognition technology is then used to determine whether responses are correct, rewarding right answers with points and strengthened Duolingo Skills.

Now language students around the world can have access to highly tailored, quick, hands-free language practice at any moment of the day.

About Duolingo

Created by crowdsourcing pioneer Luis von Ahn and Severin Hacker, Duolingo is the free, science-based language education platform selected by Google as Best of the Best for Android 2013.

Built like a game, Duolingo provides hours of entertainment while teaching language skills more effectively than university courses. In a recent independent [study](#), professors from the City University of New York (CUNY) and the University of South Carolina found that when using Duolingo for 34 hours, students learn the equivalent of one university semester of language instruction:

Duolingo is and will always be 100% free to its users. Instead of charging users, Duolingo uses a crowdsourcing model to finance itself. Users have the option of translating texts to strengthen the skills they learn on Duolingo - for example, after learning food vocabulary, they have the option of translating a menu. Duolingo sells these translations to international media companies.

Everybody benefits: students receive free language education and real-world practice, while websites such as CNN and BuzzFeed get collaborative high-quality translations.

Duolingo currently offers a total of 31 language courses and is already creating 18 others. Investors include actor Ashton Kutcher, author Tim Ferriss, Union Square Ventures, New Enterprise Associates, and Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.

About Luis von Ahn

Luis von Ahn is the inventor of reCAPTCHA, a crowdsourcing technology used worldwide to digitize millions of books every year. He has sold two companies to Google, given a very popular TED talk watched by over 1 million people, and is known for changing what can be accomplished via the collaboration of millions of people online. Luis was awarded the MacArthur Genius grant for his accomplishments and has been featured in the Economist, New York Times, Forbes, the Wall Street Journal and other prominent media worldwide.