Turning Features Off In Read&Write For The Mac

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You can disable certain features of Read&Write with a **plist config file**. Network admins can push out a plist file called **RWSettings.plist** to the **/Users/Shared/Read&Write** folder. The plist keys and file details are documented below.

As a system admin, if you need to make sure the Accessibility and Automation Mac security prompts don't show for end users, you should push out a mobileconfig file via MDM to set these security options for your users. We have this documented in our Pre-Configuring Mac For Read&Write Use In A Site Environment article.

Disable AI Voices

To disable any AI voices (Polly and ElevenLabs) used in Read&Write. Available from v7.7.

Use the key "**DisableAIVoices**" with value "YES"

Offline Features Only

To disable any features which use an internet connection. Available from v7.7.

Please note: login and licensing requires an internet connection, if you set this flag, you need to have already licensed Read&Write on the Mac and have a valid Read&Write.license file stored (default location is /Users/Shared/Read&Write).

Use the key "**OfflineFeaturesOnly**" with value "YES"

Offline Check it

To bypass the Online Checkit feature and use offline only.

Use the key "**CheckitOffline**" with value "YES"

Custom License File Location

To set a custom license file location, for example on a network location, instead of the default /Users/Shared location. Available from v7.7.

Use the key "**OfflineLicenseNetworkLocation**" with string value set to the path of the location. Read&Write will add on "/Read&Write/Read&Write.license" to this path.

Enable / Disable Toolbar Buttons

To disable certain toolbar buttons, add their name to a '**FeaturesEnabled**" dictionary will the value "NO".

A template file which turns off all features can be downloaded here: RWSettings.plist

An **exam template** file which will remove all the features normally not allowed during exams can be downloaded here: RWSettings.plist. The only tools enabled in this template are: Rewind, Play, Pause, Stop,

Forward, Screenshot Reader, PDF Reader, Screen Masking, Talk&Type and Settings.

Command line example

 To create the plist file use the Terminal application and the following commands (edit as needed - this example disables everything):

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defaults write /Users/Shared/Read\&Write/RWSettings.plist DisableAIVoices -bool YES
defaults write /Users/Shared/Read\&Write/RWSettings.plist OfflineFeaturesOnly -bool YES
defaults write /Users/Shared/Read\&Write/RWSettings.plist CheckitOffline -bool YES
defaults write /Users/Shared/Read\&Write/RWSettings.plist OfflineLicenseNetworkLocation -string "/Users/Shared"
defaults write /Users/Shared/Read\&Write/RWSettings.plist FeaturesEnabled -dict \
"Check It" -bool NO \
"Prediction" -bool NO \
"Dictionary" -bool NO \
"Picture Dictionary" -bool NO \
"Verb Checker" -bool NO \
"Play" -bool NO \
"Pause" -bool NO \
"Stop" -bool NO \
"Screenshot Reader" -bool NO \
"Audio Maker" -bool NO \
"Scan" -bool NO \
"Research Folder" -bool NO \
"Translator" -bool NO \
"Screen Masking" -bool NO \
"PDF Reader" -bool NO \
"Highlight Yellow" -bool NO \
"Highlight Green" -bool NO \
"Erase Highlights" -bool NO \
"Collect Highlights" -bool NO \
"Vocabulary List" -bool NO \
"Highlight Blue" -bool NO \
"Highlight Pink" -bool NO \
"Daisy Reader" -bool NO \
"Web Search" -bool NO \
"Calculator" -bool NO \
"Forward" -bool NO \
"Rewind" -bool NO \
"Spell Check" -bool NO \
"Similar Word Checker" -bool NO \
"Summaries" -bool NO \
"Refine" -bool NO \
"Voice Note" -bool NO \
"Talk&Type" -bool NO \
"Dictation" -bool NO \
"Hover Speech" -bool NO \
"Settings" -bool NO
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Make sure all users of the Mac can read the file by running the following command:

```
sudo chmod 644 /Users/Shared/Read\&Write/RWSettings.plist
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