

Google translation 'app' hits iPhone

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"The new app accepts voice input for 15 languages, and - just like the web app - you can translate a word or phrase into one of more than 50 languages," Google engineer Wenzhang Zhu said in a blog post.

"For voice input, just press the microphone icon next to the text box and say what you want to translate."

[Google](#) Translate for iPhone uses the same speech synthesizing technology as a version of the program released last month for desktop computers, according to the engineer.

The Mountain View, California-based Internet powerhouse in January added language translation capabilities to Android-powered smartphones with software that lets the handsets translate conversations in real time.

Google's Android surged past [iPhone](#) last quarter and is closing in on the [Blackberry](#) as the most popular smartphone platform in the United States, market tracking firm comScore said Monday.

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