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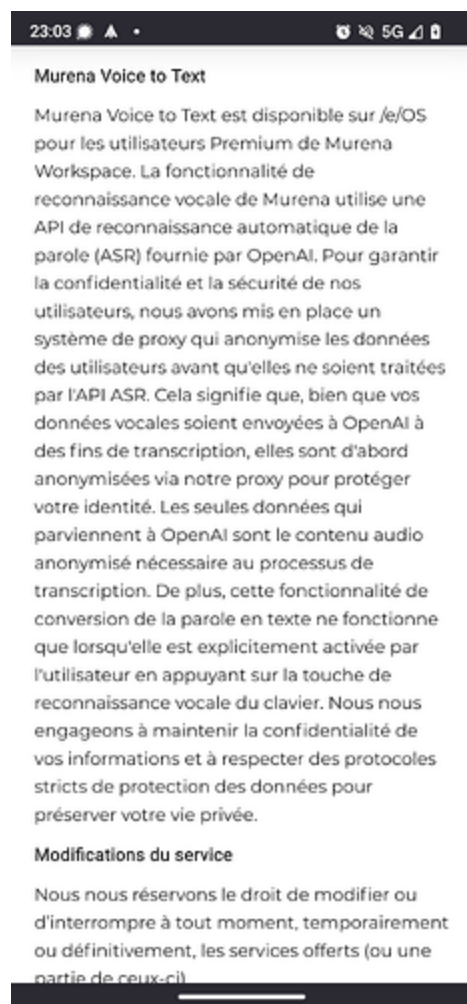
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As I was reading the Murena's terms of use I discovered that the voice to text feature introduced with e/OS/ 3.0 is using the Open AI API. That means our voice is sent to Open AI so they can translate it to text.

Murena is anonymising the data but I think it is still something we should know. We can give sensitive informations in those messages. And we are probably participating in the training of Open AI LLM models.

Open IA is a big tech company. It is not a transparent company, their models are not open source, we don't know what they do with our data.

Users of Murena should be aware of that so I created this topic to be able to discuss it with other users.



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It's really a shame that eOS use such a service whereas Murena promoted its services as "private, sustainable and fully open-source". OpenAI doesn't respect users privacy, exploits humans and natural resources in an unsustainable way and of course isn't open-source.

Especially that voice to text can be made locally with efficient opensource app like this one (it use OpenAI models but on your phone):

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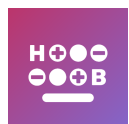


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I would like to add that HeliBoard (keyboard) in combination with Whisper provide a fully offline experience. Whisper needs to download the Whisper models from Hugging Face (~ 435 MB). This is the only use of the internet permission. Then voice recognition works completely offline (albeit a bit bumpy and not for all languages). There is a fast and slow model. In any case, it would only work for more recent devices.

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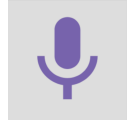
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Voice recognition based on Whisper

It would be interesting to see if the murena / e/OS folks could team up with Mistral (<https://mistral.ai/> ⁶, based in Paris, France, more inclined to open source). They have built the Mistral 3.1 model, which works quite well. To the best of my knowledge, there is no plan to support STT.

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