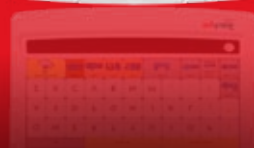




MyTobii P10 User Story

A link to the world



Getting some independence back when living with ALS

Gradually, however, they had to deal with the demanding fact that Jorg was struck by the terminal disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Today Jorg communicates via eye tracking technology on his MyTobii P10 with internet access – enabling him to participate in his public and private life.

The daily wake-up routine is a strain on Jorg Dahlke – 36-year-old husband, father and web designer living with ALS in north Germany.

“Waking up and realizing as well as accepting that I’ll always be immobile is such a letdown that I sometimes feel my spirit break. It’s part of the disease to be confronted with your own vulnerability – both in your body and personality – and to have days where most is just too cumbersome to get involved with.”

Communicating personal emotions and thoughts are essential to being human. For Jorg the synthesized voice in his MyTobii is as necessary an assistive tool as his wheelchair is. This need is luckily recognized in the German public health insurance, and within four weeks of his diagnosis Jorg was granted a MyTobii P10.

Love at first sight

Jorg tells that he was completely fascinated by the technology when he first started using the MyTobii P10.

“Suddenly everything was possible. I quickly realized that MyTobii would play a huge role in me getting part of my independence back. And it has. I can talk

The happy newlyweds Jorg and Birgit Dahlke didn’t think much of Jorg’s small stumbles when they first appeared in 2005.



with my friends and family again. I can express myself as a person, talk on the phone, chat or e-mail along with using e-shops and e-tools in my daily life.”

Both Jorg and his wife Birgitt are former web designers, and thus very focused on user interfaces that are individually supportive of eye tracking users. They praise the many personal settings in MyTobii P10 and point out that the software allows for individually programmed user interfaces.

In Jorg’s own words, “The individual customization of the user interface is simply awesome.”

Online with the world

“Access to the internet is a link to the world for me, as it is for many people today. But it’s even more of a self-serve tool to me, since I communicate solely through the

keyboard on the MyTobii screen. To be online through MyTobii allows me to interact as I choose.”

Jorg adds that the combination of an integrated USB port and an infrared port in MyTobii makes it possible for him to control different home electronic equipments via a Bluetooth connection.

“All in all, the MyTobii P10 offers everything I need in my everyday life. Most of all I can use my own “voice”, but it’s also important to me that I can operate equipment like our landline phone, my TV, stereo and DVD player without any outside help.”

A little bit of independence goes a long way for all of us – whether we’re living with ALS or not.

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