

SP Can speak -> present

present	integer	indicates if the speech functions of Speech Pack can successfully be called.
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At the moment these values can be returned:

-1	Speech Pack is disabled by the SPEECH OFF command.
0	Speech Pack not usable, external package functions can't be called.
1	Speech Pack usable, external package functions can be called.

(2 and higher may be used later when other abilities are added to the Speech Manager and these are implemented in this external, so every value greater than zero implies Speech Pack is available.)

Returns an integer indicating if you can use the Speech Pack functions to produce speech.

If SP Can Speak returns a value greater than zero, all other functions can be used (except SP Count voices, SP VERSION and SP COPYRIGHT whom can always be called).

However, when the value returned is zero or negative and you call any of the other functions an error will be returned (-4).

When this function returns zero this means there are one or more conditions not met:

- 1) the Speech Manager is not installed (use SP VERSION to see if this is the case)
- 2) Speech Pack was unable to set up its private data when the data-base was launched, perhaps because not enough memory was available (only 984 bytes needed!).
- 3) when using a time-limited beta-version of Speech Pack the expiration date may have been passed and the external package refuses to function.
- 4) when using Speech Pack together with 4D Server the maximum number of users may be reached.

Example:

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$present := SP Can speak
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If ($present > 0)
  ALERT ("Speech Pack available.")
Else
  ALERT ("Speech Pack not available.")
End if
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