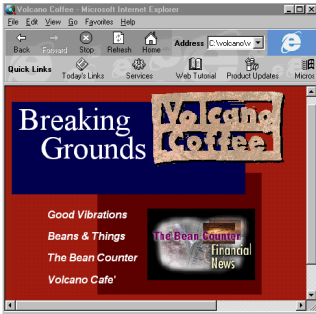


The Microsoft® ActiveX™ Control Pad

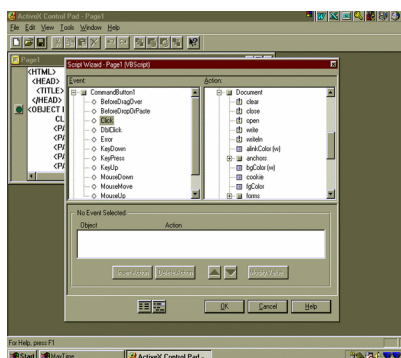


Develop ActiveX™ Web content with point-and-click ease

The Microsoft® ActiveX™ Control Pad is an authoring utility that makes it easy to author Web pages that incorporate leading-edge, ActiveX content for viewing with the Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 Web browser. With the ActiveX Control Pad, users can add ActiveX Controls and scripting (Visual Basic® Script or JavaScript™) to any HTML page with simple point-and-click ease. The ActiveX Control Pad also includes WYSIWYG support for authoring 2D layout regions in conjunction with the Microsoft HTML Layout Control.

ActiveX Controls are interactive objects, created by programmers, that can be embedded in Web pages to enhance the experience of a Web site. For example, an ActiveX video control could be used to enhance a Web page with real-time video sequences.

The controls are language-independent, and can be programmed using programming languages such as C++, future versions of the Microsoft Visual Basic® programming system, or Java. Over 1,000 ActiveX Controls are available today from a wide variety of software vendors. Using the ActiveX Control Pad, Web developers can now easily incorporate ActiveX Controls into an HTML document using a simple point-and-click process.



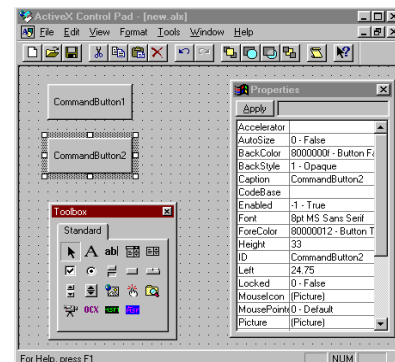
Using the Script Wizard, Web developers can easily integrate the behavior of multiple ActiveX Controls, providing rich, interactive functionality to their users.

ActiveX Control Pad Features

The ActiveX Control Pad provides the following core features:

- ◆ A Text Editor for editing HTML documents.
- ◆ An Object Editor for placing ActiveX Controls directly into an HTML document, and for visually setting properties on ActiveX Controls.
- ◆ A Script Wizard for VBScript or JavaScript generation on actions and events.
- ◆ A WYSIWYG Page Editor for creating fixed, 2D-style layout regions within an HTML document in conjunction with the Microsoft HTML Layout Control.
- ◆ A palette of ActiveX Controls that can be incorporated into Web pages.

While the ActiveX Control Pad includes a number of Microsoft-supplied ActiveX Controls, the toolbox can also be customized with third-party ActiveX Controls, such as the Macromedia® Shockwave for Director Control, the Adobe™ Acrobat™ Control or other available ActiveX Control.



The ActiveX Control Pad includes frame-based design functionality. Developers can incorporate exact object placement, object layering, and transparency effects.

Create Next-generation Pages That Include Advanced Layout Features

The ActiveX Control Pad can also be used to create leading-edge page designs in conjunction with the Microsoft HTML Layout Control. The Microsoft HTML Layout Control provides exciting new 2D-style layout capabilities for Web pages based on new extensions to HTML style sheets recently published by the Worldwide Web Consortium (W3C).

With a WYSIWYG Page Editor for creating advanced 2D-style layouts, the ActiveX Control Pad allows Web developers to deliver a new generation of compelling, interactive content. Pages developed using the Control Pad's frame-based layout features can provide a CD-ROM-like multimedia experience delivered to users of the Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 Web browser.

Licensing and Availability

A beta release of The Microsoft ActiveX Control Pad will be available for free download from Microsoft's Web site in early June. Microsoft will also make the final release of the ActiveX Control Pad, scheduled for Q3, 1996, available to all users free-of-charge.

For More Information

Stay tuned to the Microsoft Web site (<http://www.microsoft.com/intdev>) for the downloadable beta release, sample Web pages, and technical whitepapers with more information.

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