

Emote

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Getting Started

;) **Are people interrupting you at your computer?** Now, you can respond quickly — and enthusiastically — to their requests, stories, jokes, etc. Simply click one of Emote's fifteen sound-effect buttons. ;)

Emote is a fun sound-effects toy. Simply click one of its buttons to play a sound. To stop a sound from playing, click in the blank area around the buttons or exit Emote.

You can advertise your Web site with Emote. *Emote is the first program in the world to allow you to change its banner ads, repackage itself as a self-installing *.exe file and give that file away **free**.* [Click here](#) to learn how.

Features:

- 15 cool sound effects
- Introduces people to [emoticons](#)
- *Free advertising.* You can customize Emote with your own banner ads and give it away free. Each ad can hyperlink to a different Web address. This is a great tool for promoting Web sites.
- Royalty-free
- Easy and fun to use

System Requirements:

- Windows 95, 98, NT 4.0, or 2000
- 1MB or more of disk space
- Sound card and speakers

Emoticons

Emoticons are faces (turned sideways) created from keyboard characters. Emoticons can wink, smile, frown, stick out their tongues, and more. They are commonly used in e-mail, newsgroup and chat messages. Here are some examples:

The coffee today is awful. :P

Try the coffee. I think you will like it. ;)

It snowed last night. Let's go skiing. *<:-)

Have fun creating your own emoticons. Try this simple formula. Combine one character from each group:

Hair (optional): ([] | # & ~ ~

Eyes: : ; % 8 B

Nose (optional): - ^

Mouth: () [] / \ | 0 O D P b 9

How to Customize and Distribute Emote

How to Customize Emote

Emote can display up to nine banner ads. Each ad will be displayed for 20 seconds. The ads are Windows bitmap files, named Ad1.bmp, Ad2.bmp, Ad3.bmp, ..., Ad9.bmp, located in Emote's program directory (usually, C:\Program Files\Win Software\Emote). You may delete or change any of these bitmaps. If you want no ads to appear, delete all the bitmaps.

Microsoft Paint or more advanced bitmap editors, such as Corel PHOTO-PAINT or Adobe Photoshop, may be used to create banner ads. Note, Microsoft Paint comes free with Windows 95 and 98 (click **Start** | **Programs** | **Accessories** | **Paint**). When creating banner ads, follow these guidelines:

1. All ads must have the same height, anywhere from 1 to 200 pixels.
2. All ads must be 232 pixels wide. **Tip:** In Microsoft Paint to set the width and height of a bitmap, click **Image** | **Attributes** .
3. Save the ads as 256-color (8-bit) or 16-million-color (24-bit), uncompressed, Windows bitmaps (*.bmp files). Name the files Ad1.bmp, Ad2.bmp, Ad3.bmp, etc. **Tip:** The 256-color format results in much smaller files than the 16-million-color format.

Tip: To include a sunken, 2 pixel wide border on an ad, do the following. Along the left and top edges of the ad, draw a 1 pixel wide, dark gray line (Red,Green,Blue intensities: 104,104,104). Just within that line draw a 1 pixel wide, black line. Along the right and bottom edges of the bitmap, draw a 1 pixel wide, light gray line (RGB: 230,230,230). Just within that line draw a 1 pixel wide, gray line (RGB: 152,152,152).

Users can click on your ads to go to your Web site. Each ad can hyperlink to a different Web page. To associate a URL (a Web address, such as "http://www.MySite.com/") with each ad, edit the URL.txt file located in Emote's program directory (usually, C:\Program Files\Win Software\Emote). The first line of URL.txt is the URL for Ad1.bmp, the second line is the URL for Ad2.bmp, the third line is the URL for Ad3.bmp, etc. To associate no URL with an ad, use a blank line. **Tip:** If you do associate a URL with an ad, it is a good idea to state "click here" somewhere on the ad.

You can edit URL.txt with any text editor, including Microsoft Notepad, WordPad or Word. Be sure to save the file as a "Text Document" or "Text Only" file. You can safely ignore any "formatting may be lost" warnings (text files do not support formatting options).

You must restart Emote to see any changes made to Ad*.bmp and URL.txt . Exit Emote (if it is running), and then run Emote again.

Note: Do not change any files other than Ad*.bmp and URL.txt . In particular, do not change the Setup.ini file. Any changes to that file will be ignored when packaging Emote (see below) but may interfere with uninstalling Emote.

How to Distribute Emote

You can package your new version of Emote as a self-installing *.exe file. This one file is all that your friends or customers need to install your new version of Emote. To create the file, simply run Emote and click **File | Save As** . You can distribute this self-installing *.exe file on 3.5" disks or CD-ROMs or directly from your Web site. No royalties need to be paid to Win Software (see License Agreement).

How to Test Your New Version of Emote

There is no need to test the *.exe file you created above. If, however, you want to be absolutely sure the file works, uninstall your present version of Emote (run Emote and click **File | Uninstall**), and then run your *.exe file (double-click it). If all goes well, your new Emote will look exactly like the one you uninstalled. Note, uninstalling Emote will delete your Ad*.bmp and URL.txt files, so you may want to first back up those files.

How to Distribute Software over the Internet

The Internet makes distributing software, such as Emote, easy and inexpensive. Below are the three most popular ways to distribute software. To learn more, check your Internet Service Provider's (ISP's) home page for online information and courses on using the Internet.

1. **E-mail.** Once upon a time e-mail could only send text messages. Today, most e-mail clients (e-mail software) support MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions). This allows you to attach one or more files to a text message. The files and text are sent together as one message. This is a handy way to distribute software to one person or a small group of people.

Beware sending large files by e-mail. Older hardware on the Internet may truncate long messages. Also, people retrieving e-mail over slow modem connections may be surprised and annoyed by large e-mail messages.

2. **FTP.** Most Internet Service Providers will allow you to store Web pages and other files on their servers (computers). To copy files to or from their servers, you can use a program called a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) client. While modifying files requires a password, downloading files typically does not (this is referred to as *anonymous FTP*).

Modern Web browsers contain built-in FTP clients for downloading files. This allows you to place links on your Web pages that, when clicked, automatically download files. For example, suppose your FTP server is ftp.xyz.com and you have a file setup.exe in the server's directory /pub0/scsav . The following HTML code creates a link that, when clicked, downloads setup.exe :

```
<A HREF="ftp://ftp.xyz.com/pub0/scsav/setup.exe">Click Here to  
Download</A>
```

Note, while *.exe files download correctly, other file types may not. For example, in *Netscape Navigator 3.0* various file types are defined in Navigator's **Options | General Preferences | Helpers** dialog. Only *.exe and *.bin file types are defined to download in binary (versus ASCII) mode and be saved to disk. Other file types may become corrupted or be displayed if downloaded.

3. **HTTP.** Web pages are defined by HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) files and other files. Web browsers download these files using a service called HTTP (Hypertext Transfer

Protocol). HTTP is different from FTP. While unlikely, your Internet Service Provider may provide you with HTTP service but not FTP service, or vice versa.

You can create a Web page link similar to the FTP example above for downloading files via HTTP. Suppose your Web pages are located at the URL (Universal Resource Locator) `http://www.xyz.com/~username/` and you have a file `setup.exe` in the same directory as your Web page files. The following HTML code creates a link that, when clicked, downloads `setup.exe` :

```
<A HREF="http://www.xyz.com/~username/setup.exe">Click Here to  
Download</A>
```

Web browsers automatically display downloaded files with recognized extensions, such as `*.html`, `*.gif` or `*.jpg` . `*.exe` is usually not recognized; so, most browsers will ask whether to save the file to disk or download a plug-in for viewing files with this extension. Some people may be confused by these options. State clearly that the "save to disk" option should be used.

Also, you may want to tell Netscape Navigator users to hold down the Shift key while clicking your download link. Typically, Navigator saves `*.exe` files to disk, but in some rare cases Navigator will display `*.exe` files as "random" text. Holding down the Shift key forces Navigator to save to disk.

If your download link does not work, consult with your Web master. The security features (e.g., file permissions) of your Web site may need adjusting.

FTP and HTTP are excellent ways to distribute software to a large number of people. Be aware that a bandwidth charge, typically \$0.00 to \$0.10 per megabyte, may apply. Check your Internet Service Provider's home page for details.

Which is better for distributing software: FTP or HTTP? We recommend HTTP. To the user, FTP and HTTP look almost identical; however, these are completely different Internet services. Many employers give their employees Web access via HTTP. For security reasons they often block FTP with *firewalls* (Internet security hardware/software). So, for your customers that access your website from work, HTTP may be their only option for downloading software.

How to Distribute Software on Disk

Software, such as Emote, can be inexpensively copied onto 3½" disks, CD-Rs (recordable CD-ROMs), CD-ROMs, DVD-Rs or DVDs. In the United States as of October, 1999, professionally labeled 3½" disks cost approximately \$0.65 each in quantities of 100, CD-Rs \$3.00 in qty. 100, CD-ROMs \$1.20 in qty. 1000, and DVDs \$3.90 in qty. 1000. Lower or higher prices may apply depending on the labeling, packaging and other options specified.

For *low-volume publishing* on 3½" disks or CD-Rs you can use your own computer. For *high-volume publishing* there are companies that can do the job for you or sell you duplicating equipment. To find these companies, look in your phone directory under *Computers - Software Duplication* or search the Internet. Here are some companies we found by searching the Internet:

Disc Makers, Inc.	http://www.discmakers.com/
Future Solutions, Inc.	http://futuresolutions.com/
Coptech, Inc.	http://www.coptechinc.com/
Data Direct, Inc.	http://www.dataduplication.com/

Do you own a business or run a charity? Advertise it with Emote. Many businesses and charities advertise with *ad specialties*. Ad specialties are give-away products, such as pens, coffee mugs and T-shirts, that are imprinted with a company's logo, phone number, Web address, etc. *On disks or over the Internet Emote can be given away as an ad specialty.* Best of all, Emote's rotating banner ads can hyperlink people right to your Web site, and Emote is royalty-free.

Interested in other software ad specialties? Consider screen savers. With Win Software's *Photo Gallery Screen Saver Compiler* you can create *royalty-free* screen savers that hyperlink to your Web site. To learn more, visit <http://www.win-software.com/>.

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some frequently asked questions and their answers.

Q. Can Emote's sound effects be changed?

A. No, unless you are willing to pay for custom programming, which is expensive.

Q. How can I uninstall this program?

A. Click the File | Uninstall menu item.

This is a new and easier way to uninstall applications. Today, people have dozens of applications installed on their multi-gigabyte disk drives. Finding an application in Windows' Add/Remove Programs Control Panel is now like looking for a needle in a haystack. To fix this problem, Win Software is placing its applications' uninstall options on their **File** menus.

Troubleshooting

Below are some frequently encountered problems and their solutions. For further assistance contact [Win Software](#).

Q. I cannot hear anything. Why?

A. If clicking the sound-effect buttons produces no sounds, **check the following:**

1. Are any other programs on your computer playing or recording sounds? Only one program at a time can use your computer's sound system.
2. Windows' *status area* (the small group of icons on the right side or bottom of Windows' taskbar) usually contains a volume control icon,  or .
 . Click or double-click the icon, and check the volume settings. If you do not see the icon, use the volume control in Windows' Multimedia Control Panel (click **Start | Settings | Control Panel | Multimedia | Audio**).
3. If your sound card is old, it may have a manual volume adjustment (a thumb wheel located on the card; accessible from the back of your computer). Is it set correctly?
4. Some speakers have a volume adjustment knob. If yours do, is it set correctly?
5. Some speakers contain electronic amplifiers. If your speakers require batteries or plug into an electrical outlet, check that their power is on.
6. Most sound cards have four jacks: speaker, line out, line in, and microphone. Unfortunately, all four look alike. Are your speakers plugged into the speaker jack? Refer to your owner's manual for help.

