

Chapter 1

Introduction

Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of Simon Says™. Simon allows you to control any NeXT™ application by voice, using spoken commands to execute almost any function normally performed with your keyboard or mouse. And it doesn't matter who you are or where you're from—Simon recognizes any voice, any accent, and any language.

Imagine launching applications, sending mail, copying and pasting text or graphics, changing font attributes and sizes, paging through a document, picking tools off a palette and more—all by voice!

Training Simon is quick and easy. Just select the applications you want to control by voice and Simon automatically adds the menu items with command keys to his vocabulary. Then `@train` Simon's vocabulary by responding to on-screen prompts—you'll be asked to repeat each word three times. When you're finished, Simon launches applications and activates menu commands in response to your voice.

And that's not all—you can even build sophisticated macros by dropping objects into Simon's sequencer, then activate your macros by speaking a single voice or command key. Simon includes built-in objects for creating macros that include keystrokes, pasteboard libraries, sound libraries, UNIX® shell commands, NeXTmail™, mouse events, delay and open files.

Registration Card

Please make sure to send your registration card to Metrosoft so we can notify you of upgrades and new products. Your registration card is inside the envelope containing the master Simon Says diskette.

System Requirements

Simon Says works on any NeXT computer running version 3.0 or higher of NEXTSTEP™.

About this User Guide

This User Guide is designed to get you up and running with Simon Says as quickly as possible and to provide you with knowledge for controlling almost any NeXT application by using spoken commands.

If this is your first time using Simon Says, we highly recommend that you read this entire guide from front to back. The tutorial examples appearing in the latter chapters follow a logical progression. For example, in *Chapter 8* we'll train an application, then in *Chapter 9* we'll create a voice activated macro for that application.

This guide assumes you are familiar with operating your NeXT computer and understand terms such as click, double-click and drag. If you need additional information on how to use your NeXT, please consult your NeXT documentation.