

# *Chapter 3*

## *Getting Started with Simon Says<sup>1/4</sup>*

This chapter explains how to start Simon Says.

### **Starting Simon Says for the First Time**

To start Simon Says:

**Double-click Simon's icon in the dock.**

The main Simon Says menu appears.

If the icon isn't in the dock, look for **SimonSays.app** in the folder in which it was installed either your  
~/Apps folder or /LocalApps.

## Where to Go From Here

Before training, we recommend that you make a backup copy of your master program diskette. When you're finished, lock both the master and backup copy by sliding the black tab on the back, top left of the diskette up to the locked position. Then store the original in a safe place.

Now that the formalities are taken care of, you're ready to read *Chapter 4 Understanding Voice Recognition*, which includes key concepts and terms used in the rest of this manual. When you're finished, you can begin training Simon's vocabulary that's what *Chapter 5 Training Voice Commands* is all about. You'll begin by training Simon's built-in words and the menu commands of some common NeXT applications.

Before you get started, we'd like to tell you how to contact us if you have questions, comments, suggestions, or would like information about other Microsoft products for the NeXT.

## Contacting Metrosoft

Metrosoft offers free, unlimited technical support for all our products. We can be reached Monday through Friday from 8 AM (sometimes earlier) to 5 PM (often later) Pacific time. From the U.S. and Canada, call us at (619)488-9411.

If you're connected to the Internet and would like to send us Email, or have a fax machine or fax modem, you can contact us by selecting **Contact Metrosoft** in the Simon Says Info menu. A panel appears which includes some basic information about your computer and operating system, and the version number of your copy of Simon Says. This information will help us solve any problems you might be having more quickly.

Click inside the text field to begin typing your message. When you're finished, you have three options:

**Email** if you're connected to the Internet, click **Email** or press **Return**. A NeXTmail message containing your suggestion or comment is automatically generated and addressed to Metrosoft. Click **Deliver** to send your message.

**Fax** if there is a fax modem connected to your computer or you have access to one on your network, click **Fax**. A standard fax panel appears. Type **Simon Says Suggestion** in the name field and **(619) 488-3045** in the Fax # field, then click **Fax** at the bottom of the panel to send your message.

**Print** if you would like to print a copy of your message, then send it from a fax machine (Ughh!),

click **Print**. A standard print panel appears. Click **Print** or press **Return** to print your message.

## **Other Metrosoft Products**

Just a few more words about that old fax machine. Now is the perfect time to contact Metrosoft and ask about other software for NEXTSTEP.

### **MetroTools**

MetroTools is a package of six utilities to enhance your NEXTSTEP productivity. The dock extender is regarded as the most powerful available and operates as a natural extension of the NeXT dock. You can create groups of applications and documents, show their names, use miniature icons, launch complete groups with a single double-click and much, much more.

Font Installer greatly simplifies the process of installing NEXTSTEP fonts, and converting Macintosh-based PostScript fonts for use on your NEXTSTEP computer. In fact you can install megabytes worth of fonts in a variety of formats, using a single drag followed by a button click.

NiteLite has screen-locking and backdrop features, run multiple modules simultaneously and run while the NEXTSTEP login window is up.

MetroTools will help you find your files and allow you to quickly compress, examine and

decompress file archives.

MetroTools also offers an expandable shell that other developers can use to develop their own tools.

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### **MetroKeys**

MetroKeys is a macro utility that allows you to create sequences of actions that are performed with just one keystroke. Create macros for use in specific programs or global macros that can be used anywhere. MetroKeys can perform the following actions:

- Keystrokes
- Mouse events
- Insert text (plain or rich)
- Launch programs
- Open files
- Execute UNIX commands
- Address mail messages
- Play sounds

Features include:

Intuitive user interface

Nested macros - i.e., macros that perform other macros

The ability to save and load macro sets

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### **MetroSuction**

MetroSuction is a commercial-quality utility for examining and removing support for different hardware architectures in Multi-architecture Binaries (MABs) or "fat binaries". Fat binaries allow the same NEXTSTEP program to run on different types of computers (currently NeXT computers and supported Intel-based computers). MetroSuction allows you to easily see which architectures are supported by a given application and to remove support for a given architecture, freeing up disk space.

free via anonymous FTP at [sonata.cc.purdue.edu](http://sonata.cc.purdue.edu) and [cs.orst.edu](http://cs.orst.edu).

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### **MetroForms**

MetroForms is a dynamic forms package that allows users to design and use electronic forms. It combines powerful drawing and database publishing features into one easy-to-use forms environment. Uses range from simple and complex forms-oriented drawing tasks to automated database publishing. It provides:

- Powerful drawing tools that allow you to create your forms designs
- Sophisticated data field objects that allow complex data formatting
- Ease of connection to database servers
- Advanced job definitions, including multi-part form capabilities

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### **FormsPalette**

FormsPalette is a palette of objects that allow developers to incorporate the forms editor and data formatting features of MetroForms in their own custom applications. You can easily integrate FormsPalette with the DBKit to build sophisticated client/server applications. It allows sophisticated data field objects for complex data formatting

Makes a perfect companion to forms entry and other DBKit-related palettes.

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