Platform SDK: Agent

Licensing FAQ

Can I distribute Microsoft Agent and its characters?

Microsoft Agent can be automatically downloaded directly from the Microsoft site by including the Microsoft Agent control's CLSID in an HTML <OBJECT> tag on your Web page, which will automatically offer to download and install the control when a user without Microsoft Agent installed loads the page. Such use is covered in the Microsoft Agent End User License Agreement (EULA) that displays when Microsoft Agent is installed. This license does not include provisions for you to distribute Agent from your server or as a part of your application. Application developers who wish to include Microsoft Agent and any of its components as part of their application must complete a distribution license. A distribution license is required for any individual or company that wishes to distribute any Microsoft Agent component, regardless of whether it is for profit or not. For more information about distribution licenses, see the Licensing page at http://www.microsoft.com/msagent/licensing.htm.

Can I use the Microsoft Agent characters?

You may use the Microsoft characters designated for download at the Microsoft Agent Web site subject to the conditions included in the End User License Agreement (EULA) or the Microsoft Agent Distribution License Agreement. For further information, see our Licensing page (http://www.microsoft.com/msagent/licensing.htm). Note that such use requires that the character be used only as part of a script or application that uses Microsoft Agent. The character images alone cannot be included in packaging or promotional material. Also, for additional information about image usage, see http://www.microsoft.com/permission/copyrgt/cop-img.htm#macharacters

Note that the Microsoft Agent 2.0 characters (ACS format) available from the Downloads page of our Web site, automatically install to the \Chars subdirectory of Microsoft Agent's directory (that is installed in the directory where Microsoft Windows® is installed. You may access the ACF/ACA version of the characters from the Microsoft servers following the information included on the (http://www.microsoft.com/msagent/characterdata.htm) Microsoft Agent Character Data page. To post this latter format to your own server, you must submit a distribution license agreement and request these files. They are not made available without a valid distribution license.

How do I modify the Microsoft supplied characters?

Modification of the Microsoft-supplied characters is not supported. However, you may create and distribute your own characters.

Can I distribute the speech engines that are supplied with Microsoft Agent with my own applications?

Microsoft licenses certain speech engines for use with Microsoft Agent-enabled Web sites and applications. To see the engines that may be licensed, see the Licensing page (http://www.microsoft.com/msagent/licensing.htm).

Can I distribute the Microsoft Agent Character Editor and Microsoft Linguistic Information Sound Editing Tool?

Distribution of these tools is limited to downloading them from the Microsoft Web site or dispensing them as part of any software development kit Microsoft may provide.

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