

Babyz, Your Virtual Bundle of Joy!

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## INSTALLATION

### System Requirements

Windows 95 or Windows 98

Required: Pentium 166 MHz or higher

256 color video card and monitor

800x600 screen resolution

32 MB RAM, 160 MB free hard disk space

SoundBlaster or compatible 16-bit sound card with DirectX  
compatible drivers (see #2 under Special Notes on Installation  
for more info)

Recommended for Optimum Performance:

Pentium 200 MHz MMX or higher

256 color video card and monitor

1024x768 or higher screen resolution

64 MB RAM, 160 MB free hard disk space

SoundBlaster or compatible 16-bit sound card with DirectX  
compatible drivers (see #2 under Special Notes on Installation

for more info)

Installation:

- 1) Insert CD
- 2) CD will auto-launch to the setup splash screen.
- 3) Click on the "Install Babyz" button.
- 4) Click "Yes" through all installer screens.
- 5) Restart your computer at the end of Babyz installation.

IMPORTANT! Special Notes on Installation:

- 1) To run the installer for Babyz you will need 160MB of hard disk space available on the drive where you are installing Babyz (C:\ usually). Once installation is complete, Babyz will use much less space.
- 2) This application requires DirectX 6.1 to run and will ask you to install DirectX drivers. Babyz can only be successfully installed on computers with sound cards that are compatible with DirectX drivers.

## GETTING STARTED

There are three ways to open your Babyz program:

- 1) Double-click on the Babyz shortcut on your desktop
- 2) Select Babyz under Mindscape in the Programs section of your Start Menu

3) Double-click on the Babyz.exe file in your  
Mindscape folder in your Program files.

When you first launch Babyz you will immediately  
go through the exciting process of adopting your  
virtual Babyz!

#### Known Issues

##### DirectX 6.1:

If DirectX 6.1 isn't completely installed on your computer, you will get a  
"Could not create DMusic loader" error upon Babyz startup.

To remedy this, simply re-install DirectX 6.1 from the DirectX folder  
on the Babyz CD-ROM. To do this:

1) Make sure that your Babyz CD-ROM is loaded into your CD-ROM drive.

If the Babyz CD-ROM autoruns and the installation menu pops up, exit the menu.

2) Double-click the "My Computer" icon on your Windows desktop and find the  
drive that contains your Babyz CD-ROM (it will say Babyz).

3) Right-click on the Babyz CD-ROM icon and select "OPEN" --  
the Babyz CD-ROM folder should open.

4) Now double-click the DirectX folder and find the file named "Dxsetup.exe."  
Double-click that file to re-install DirectX 6.1.

5) Click the button that says ReInstall DirectX and it will determine whether  
you need this latest version DirectX and, if so, install it.

6) Click OKAY and as always, re-start your computer.

### Strange Behavior with Toyz and Play Scenes:

If you are experiencing unusual behavior with your Babyz program (such as disappearing Toyz), you may need to reset the Babyz registry entry. To do this, simply hold down the Control and Shift keys (CTRL+SHIFT) and while holding them down, double-click the Babyz desktop shortcut or Babyz.exe file. Babyz will ask you if you want to reset the registry. Click Yes and Babyz will load normally and the problems should resolve themselves. Note that resetting the registry will return all Babyz and Toyz to their default locations.

### Installing ViaVoice over existing versions of Via Voice:

Babyz requires the ViaVoice Family Model to use Voice Recognition. If you already have ViaVoice installed on your computer and do not re-install ViaVoice during Babyz installation, voice rec will not work in Babyz. Simply re-install Babyz and ViaVoice from the Babyz CD-ROM.

### Voice Recognition does not work:

If you are having trouble getting Voice Recognition to work on your computer, please refer to the Troubleshooting section of the Babyz Help File.

### HOW TO ORDER

To Order Virtual Babyz:

Call: 01664 481563

Babyz is available for Windows 98 and Windows 95.

Also available are Dogz 4 and Catz 4 for Windows 95/98,

Dogz 3 and Catz 3 for Windows 95/98,

Dogz II and Catz II for Windows 95 and the original Dogz  
and Catz for Macintosh, Windows 3.1, and Windows 95.

Oddballz, your wacky virtual Petz are also available for  
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