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Multimodal Toolkits: Design, In - Speech Tags and ML, Out

Want to write mobile data applications you can talk to? While 2.5 and 3G wireless rolls out and proves itself, check out these multimodal application development tools.

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Telisma (Issy les Moulineaux, France - +33 (0) 1-41-90-11-80, www.telisma.com), a Paris-based ASR technology vendor out of France Telecom's R&D, also sells a VoiceXML development platform and is starting to market more visibly in the U.S. VoiceXML Studio is in the script editing category, with dialog components. Worth a look, they stress minimized CPU consumption and multimodal application support.

Other VoiceXML Development Tools

Angel.com (McLean, VA - 703-269-1090, www.angel.com), mentioned back in August 2002 as the \$9.95/month way to put a speech-enabled auto attendant in front of your PBX, has expanded its range of apps and its pricing. Now its fill-in-the-blank Voice Site Builder and hosting proposition support such data-centric IVRs as credit card processing, PIN requests, order tracking, or phone-based surveys. It will hit remote web servers or databases and it all compiles into VoiceXML.

Audium (New York, NY - 212-609-4000 www.audium.com) is offering low-scale versions of its dynamic VoiceXML app gen/server, paired with IVR servers from VoiceGenie. Runs on J2MEE web app servers.

The BeVocal Café (cafe.bevocal.com) continues to grant access to a tutorial, a wide range of speech objects, prebuilt grammars and audio libraries, and interactive tools for development,

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testing, tuning and demo. It provides a testbed telephony platform, a number to access the app, and an opportunity to pitch your app to its carrier customers, such as Cingular and Qwest Wireless.

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And in the same vein as BeVocal, see:

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- Hey Anita's Freespeech platform (freespeech. heyanita.com)
- Telera/Genesys' (www.telera.com/devxchange.html) DeVXchange. For a license fee, you have unlimited use of App Builder, a drag-and-drop GUI abstraction of VoiceXML.
- TellMe is still supporting (studio.tellme.com), which is one of the first online lab/study guides in the business, and one of the most student-friendly.
- VoiceGenie, one of the biggest names in VoiceXML browser platforms, has developer.voicegenie.com.
- Voxeo's Community.voxeo.com
- Japan Telecom offers www.voizi.net, but it's in Japanese.
- www.voxpilot.com, especially for European developers.



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