

# Babyz

Your Virtual Bundle of Joy



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Includes your unique baby, plus 15 additional Babyz to adopt!

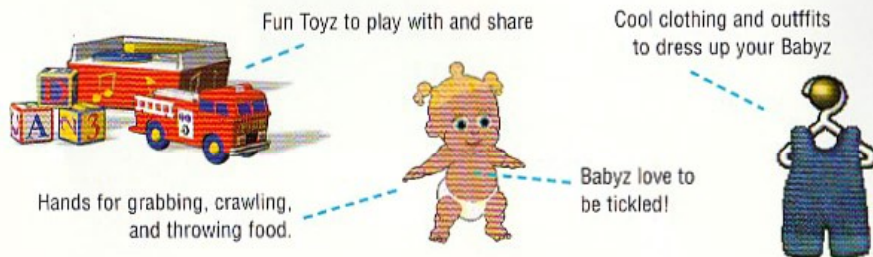


## What are Babyz?

### Congratulations on adopting your new Babyz!

Babyz are virtual bundles of joy that live in a virtual house on your computer. As their caretaker, you adopt them, nurture them and play with them – they need your love and care to be happy. Like real babies, these virtual Babyz have feelings, personalities, and minds of their own. You get to discover just how unique your individual Babyz are!

Babyz love to play with toyz, to be tickled, to eat babyfood, and get into trouble. As they develop you can teach your Babyz to walk, to play music, and using a microphone, you can teach them to talk! Babyz love to socialize with each other – just beware of sibling rivalries. You can have three Babyz out on the screen at once but you can adopt as many Babyz as you want as long as you take care of them all!



Fun Toyz to play with and share

Cool clothing and outfits to dress up your Babyz

Hands for grabbing, crawling, and throwing food.

Babyz love to be tickled!

Babyz are very young when you first adopt them, but over time they grow and develop. In a little while your Babyz learn to walk and even talk in baby talk!

Check out [www.babyz.net](http://www.babyz.net) for the latest Babyz info!

## Getting Started

There are many different types of Babyz, each with their own look and personality. Every Babyz is truly one of a kind!



### Installation

1. Insert Babyz CD-ROM.
2. Click on the 'Install Babyz' button.
3. Follow the instructions provided by the installation screens. You will be guided through the installation process for Babyz, IBM ViaVoice®, and DirectX.
4. You will be asked to register your copy of Babyz, and given your choice of doing so electronically, by mail, or by fax.
5. When installation is complete, you must restart your computer.

To install Babyz you will need 160 MB of hard disk space available on the hard drive you are installing to (usually the C:\ drive).

# Adopt Babyz

When you first launch Babyz you start with the exciting process of adopting your first virtual Babyz! Enter the Babyz Adoption Serial Number that appears in the portrait on the front of the CD case to adopt your new Babyz.

When you're ready to adopt more Babyz, the Adoption Center is a great place to visit. Your installation comes with fifteen additional Babyz available for adoption, and you can find even more on the Babyz website at [www.babyz.net](http://www.babyz.net).



Keep in mind that you cannot have more than three Babyz active in your house at any one time, so you may have to send some of your Babyz to Grandma's House while you adopt their new playmates.



# Adopt Babyz



To go to the Adoption Center, click on the blue button on your Button Bar – it's the one with a stork on it.

When you click on the Adoption Center Button, your browser shows you a screen of the fifteen additional Babyz available on your local installation.



You may choose to adopt one or more of these Babyz, or you may want to continue on to the Online Adoption Center at [www.babyz.net](http://www.babyz.net). (You must be able to access the internet to use this link.) At the Online Adoption Center, you have even more Babyz to choose from – the Babyz available for adoption change on a daily basis!

## Babyz Care

### Tasty Treatz

As a proud owner of a new Babyz, you must be a responsible care provider. Babyz love to be held and rocked. They also love to be tickled! To be happy and healthy, Babyz need to be fed, clothed, washed, and have their diapers changed.



Babyz will need you to take care of them when they are sick.

And, don't forget to give your Babyz tickles when they've been good, and to discourage naughty behaviors by telling your Babyz "no" using the microphone.

For more information on taking care of your Babyz, visit our website at [www.babyz.net](http://www.babyz.net). Once there you can check out what other proud Babyz owners are saying about their own Babyz.

Your Babyz love to play with all of the fun toyz in the house. In each room you will find a closet of toyz, food and objects to play with.



## Playing with your Babyz

Babyz need to play, and will want to learn how to use all of their toyz!

Babyz want to communicate with you, so the more you talk to them with the microphone, the more words they learn, and the more they learn to respond to you. Babyz need your help to get along well with each other, and to share toyz with each other. Most of all, they need to know that you love them so they can love you back.

### Toyz

Babyz enjoy regular play and exercise – especially if they eat too much.

Use your Toy Chest to carry your favorite toyz around with you. When you place toyz in the Toy Chest you can bring them to all the other rooms in the house.



## Clothing and Accessories

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You can dress and undress your Babyz in the Changing Room. Then head out to the other rooms with your Babyz well-dressed for their next adventure! Remember to change your Babyz diapers when they are dirty. Nobody likes a dirty Babyz, and your Babyz let you know when they need to have their diapers changed.



Dress your Babyz in stylish Clothing and Accessories. To go to the Changing Room, click on the "House button" and then select the red room with the shirt on it. Drag the clothing on and off your Babyz. Check out all the fun clothing that your Babyz can wear!

## Talk to your Babyz

Now with IBM Voice Recognition technology, you can talk to and teach your Babyz – just like real babies!

**ViaVoice Setup Microphone** – You will need a microphone to talk to your Babyz – you can use the one provided. After plugging your microphone into your computer's sound card, click on the **Voice Rec** menu item on your Babyz Menu Bar and select "ViaVoice Setup Microphone" and follow the directions to setup your microphone.



The Volume Meter next to the Microphone button on the Button Bar will animate if the microphone is working.

**Via Voice Recognition Options** – Here you can adjust the sensitivity level of ViaVoice, if you are having problems getting the microphone to work.

**Voice Recognition Practice** – Use this to practice mode to say words to ViaVoice to test how well your microphone is working and acustom the software to your pattern of speech.

Voice Rec  
ViaVoice Setup/Configure Mic  
ViaVoice Options  
Voice Recognition Practice

## Training Tipz

### Voice Recognition Hintz



Here are a few helpful hints to make Voice Recognition work smoothly.

*Hint: Just like real babies, Babyz listen better when there are fewer distractions. Loud toys or other Babyz might distract your Babyz and make it harder for them to listen to you.*

*Hint: Babyz respond best to shorter commands for example, saying stop works better than saying stop that. Babyz can understand single words better than full sentences.*

*Hint: Remember to reward your Babyz when they do nice things. Reward them with a praise such as saying good, a tickle, or a tasty cookie or cracker from the Kitchen.*

*Hint: Babyz need extra time and love to learn so be patient. Older Babyz will learn faster.*

Your Babyz can learn many words, such as "mommy" and "daddy," "shh," "good," "no," as well as the names of their toys! With patience your Babyz will be doing and saying all sorts of silly things.

## Playscenes



The house has seven wonderful areas for you and your Babyz to live and play in! Are you ready to explore them all? You can dress up your Babyz in the Changing Room or serve up dinner to them in the Kitchen. Babyz love to play with all of the toys in the Play Room, and there is even a slide outside in the Back Yard! Perhaps have a dance party in the Family Room. When your Babyz get tired you can put them down for a nap in the Nursery while you explore what may be hidden in the Attic.

### Nursery



### Changing Room



### Attic



# Playscenes

Play Room



Family Room



Kitchen



Backyard



# Take Pictures of your Babyz

Let's face it, your Babyz are cute! The Babyz Camera is so easy to use that you'll want to capture every adorable moment in your Babyz' lives – such as their first step! When you have a few photos to choose from, you can show your pride by putting the best shots in picture frames and hanging them around the house! (Right click on a picture frame to put any bitmap in it.) You will also want to save your Babyz' special photos in their own Baby Books.



Access your Camera by clicking on the green button on your Button Bar – it's the one with the picture of a camera on it. (You can also hit the **Spacebar** to take pictures of your Babyz.) Add any picture to the Baby Book by selecting "Put in Baby Book".



To get to the Baby Book, select "Open Baby Book" under the "Babyz" menu item. Right click on the green arrows to view the different Pictures that you have taken with your Camera.

Share Babyz stories and photos with your friends!

**www.babyz.net**

Visit [www.babyz.net](http://www.babyz.net) to find out the latest and greatest news about Babyz. Talk to other Babyz owners on the Babyz Talk BBS, visit the Babyz Gallery, and download new toys and clothes. Find tips on how to care for your Babyz and don't forget to check out the Babyz Linkz pages!

### **Contacting Technical Support**

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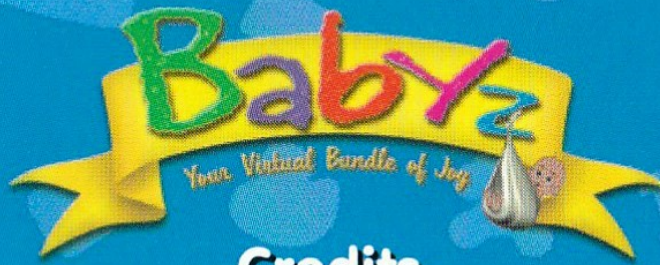
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