

evoke™

exciting presentations

evoke™ is a universal and highly reliable presentation package that can present paradigms with any kind of complexity in cognitive experiments. The presentation can be visual, auditory or a combination. Moreover, evoke can be interfaced with external devices such as photic, electrical or laser triggers. evoke provides optimal synchronization of the paradigms with your recordings, high flexibility and maximum ease of use.

Easy to control

Using the evoke™ package, presentation is controlled through a scenario. Scenarios contain information regarding the timing and event codes of multimedia files, and define the sequence of trials and blocks in the experiment. Both presentation and corresponding control information are interpreted in real time, resulting in a complete and highly flexible environment for presentation.

Straightforward design of your experiment

One of the intellectual challenges of brain research is to develop good experimental paradigms focusing on a particular aspect of brain function. evoke™ gives you a practical and dedicated tool rather than just another programming language to deal with the composition of your multimedia scenario. This MS-Excel® based experiment generator allows you to compose even the most complicated paradigm. The evoke toolbar in MS-Excel® conveniently supports the entire experiment design and scenario testing process. A single MS-Excel® worksheet may be used to define the order and type of presentations in an experiment. This can be extended easily by using multiple worksheets to define trials, blocks, and complete experiments. Worksheets can also be nested, thus providing a very flexible way for designing the most difficult paradigm protocol. The combination of the (pseudo) randomization tools of evoke and the powerful formulas of MS-Excel® makes evoke an ideal package for implementing and running your paradigm. Designing and testing your experiments becomes as simple as operating a spreadsheet program.



Features:

- Windows-based presentation software
- Scenarios are stored in database format
- Microsoft Excel templates to design and make scenario files
- 26 codes to define a complete presentation scenario
- Accepts TTL from external devices like fMRI scanner
- Trigger output through parallel and serial ports
- Automatic support for dual display (presentation and control at separate monitors)
- Visual and auditory presentation can be used simultaneously
- Support for MIDI, WAV sounds
- Internal cue points in sound files can be used as triggers.
- Graphics support for BMP, JPG, GIF, PNG
- Movie support for AVI, MPG



Presenting evoke:



Figure 1: The response of the subject can easily be monitored on the presentation system while the images are presented at a second monitor (dual display).



Figure 2: Responses can be measured during the presentation and are stored in a scenario file together with reaction times and event codes.

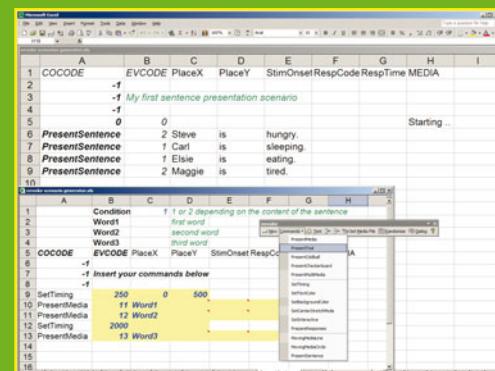


Figure 3: The design of evoke™ scenarios is completely integrated in MS-Excel®. The evoke toolbar provides all presentation commands as well as useful design tools, such as randomization and scenario testing.



Figure 4: evoke allows you to use visual and auditory presentations at the same time.

► Presenting eevolve (continued):

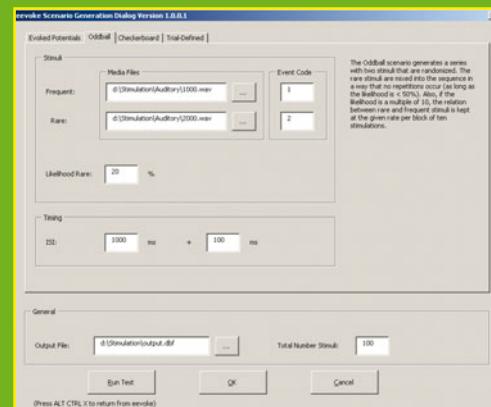


Figure 5: Experiments are easily designed using the predefined templates.



Figure 6: Cue points can be added to sound files to create additional trigger codes in eevolve.

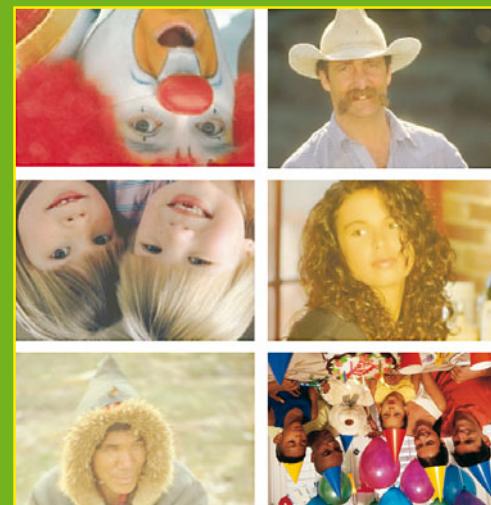


Figure 7: Examples of pictures for a face recognition experiment.

Flexible setup

eevolve™ supports a dual-monitor display, and automatically uses the second screen when connected. This clever feature allows you to run the experiment on the subject's display and at the same time monitor the presentations as well as the reactions of the subject on the control display.

Interactive control

Subject's responses are incorporated automatically when a USB response pad is connected to the system. Responses are registered with a high accuracy and are stored in the scenario file. The **eevolve™** analysis tool in MS-Excel® will automatically report the behavioral results as a summary of reaction errors and time information, immediately after the experiment has ended. Experiments in **eevolve** are synchronized based upon the pulses generated by the scanner. For more information on integration of other external devices, please contact ANT.

eevolve recognizes cue points when playing sound presentations and automatically generates triggers accordingly. This is extremely useful when you want to present natural sentences or music, where you need to mark exactly the onset and/or end of certain characteristics in the sound file. **eevolve** automatically creates one trigger at the start of the sound file and then creates additional triggers at the cue points inside the sound file. No need anymore to edit triggers manually – **eevolve** inserts them for you!

Smooth integration with **asa-lab™**

eevolve™ is part of **asa-lab™** - the most advanced ERP/EP acquisition and analysis solution available. **asa-lab** is a complete system for research of event-related potentials in the area of cognitive neuroscience.

asa-lab allows you to remotely control **eevolve**; scenarios can be started automatically as an integral part of the actual recording. Using this feature, you never have to worry about pressing that *Start* button - **asa-lab** does it for you!

Communication between the **eevolve** and other recording systems is accomplished using either a standard parallel or serial port.



System requirements:

- Pentium® 4 with 512 Mb of RAM memory
- Graphics card 32 Mb memory dual head
- Modern soundcard
- 40 Gb of free space on hard disk
- 1 free USB port for response pad
- Windows XP Professional

eevolve is intended for research use only.