

***Pavel*, the Interactive City Guide of Pilzen**

After *Hermine*, the talking washing machine, SPEECH EXPERTS presents *Pavel*, the interactive guide for the city of Pilzen at the SYSTEMS 2003. The smart fellow reports about the curiosities of the history of beer, provides information on cultural places and events all of this polyglot. Just ask him!

Pavel bears several stories in his treasure chest. Select one, or let yourself carry away into the world of the golden liquid. Via an interactive dialog you learn about the coincidence that produced the sidekicking drink and a worldwide buzz about the multiple methods of brewing beer or the revolutionary Pilsner lager beer.

You don't understand the Czech language? No Problem. *Pavel* is gifted with foreign languages. He offers the information as well in English or German.

Pavel is not only literate with the beer of Pilzen but also with the city of Pilzen. He gives you the schedule of guided tours for the brewery, he knows about exhibitions, and when the big festival of beer takes place. Of course, he is versed in addresses and phone numbers. He even gives you directions. *Pavel* appreciates your questions and offers you interesting hints. Don't miss his insider's tip of the annual beer mat flinging competition.

The moving spirit of *Pavel* is the intelligent technology of SPEECH EXPERTS that controls the communication. The dialog platform SPEX KIT merges components such as speech recognizer, text-to-speech- and speech-to-text-systems. The "brain" of the platform generates the dialogs modeled by SPEECH EXPERTS. Over 15 years of experience in research and development of speech technology result in useful, natural, and vivid dialogs.

The portfolio of the company comprises dialog demonstrators and implementation as well as consultancy and usability testing. The SPEECH EXPERTS have been engaged in a number of projects with prime companies such as Audi, Bosch DaimlerChrysler, Ericsson, Siemens, Sony, Telekom, Temic and Toshiba.

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