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MEIKO Voice Notifications Now Available in Japanese & English!



Crypton Future Media, INC. (Head Office: Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. CEO: Hiroyuki Itoh) has released the voice notifications of the virtual singer, MEIKO. The four voice notifications – Alarm, Ringtone, Mail Notification, and Notification – are available in both Japanese and English. All voice notifications are available for purchase on the iTunes Store and Amazon Music.

Add a touch of brightness to your daily notifications with MEIKO's energetic voice!

MEIKO Voice Notifications (Japanese/English)

Where to Buy:
iTunes Store (https://itunes.apple.com/us/artist/6782804865?ls=1&app=itunes)
Amazon Music (https://www.amazon.com/s?k=MEIKO+voice&i=digital-music-album&rh=n%3A625144011%2Cp_n_feature_browse-bin%3A625150011&s=date-desc-rank)
*Only available as a download purchase on Amazon Music. Not available for streaming.

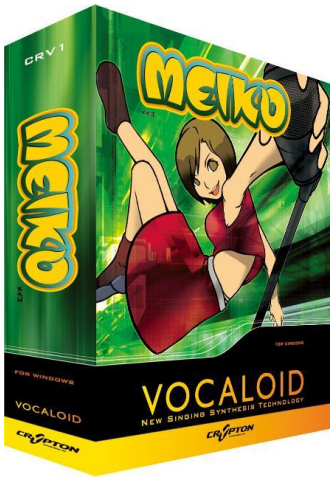
Price: 255 JPY (tax included)
*Prices may vary depending on your region due to changes in exchange rates
*Purchase available only through iTunes Store app on iPhone

What is "MEIKO", the Pioneer of Virtual Singer Software?

"MEIKO" is the first singing voice synthesis software developed by Crypton Future Media, INC. Utilizing the first-generation engine of "VOCALOID", a singing voice synthesis technology developed by Yamaha Corporation in 2003, "MEIKO" was born on November 5th, 2004, as the world's first software to synthesize Japanese singing voices.[*1]

The attempt of featuring a character on the packaging to help users imagine the voice included in the software was successful, and “MEIKO” became an exceptional hit, selling 3,000 copies in a DTM software market where 1,000 copies a year was considered a success. Then, with the launch of Niconico in 2006 and the Japanese version of YouTube in 2007, music and videos using “MEIKO” began to be posted on the Internet.

Later, a creative culture—what would be called "Vocaloid culture"—blossomed as a massive number of creators shared music, illustrations, and other works on the Internet based on singing voice synthesis software and the characters on the packages. As this creative culture expanded, MEIKO's presence grew even further. Today, going beyond the boundaries of software, “MEIKO” is active on the global stage in various fields such as merchandising and live performances as a virtual singer.



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*1) ”MEIKO” is recognized by Yamaha Corporation, the developer of VOCALOID, as "the first Japanese singing voice library product for VOCALOID." (Reference: https://www.vocaloid.com/articles/meiko_kaito)

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▼What is “MEIKO?” https://piapro.net/

MEIKO is a female virtual singer characterized by her red crop-top and chestnut-brown hair. She made her debut in software released on November 5, 2004.

This was the world’s first Virtual Singer Software to feature Japanese language support. It was also the first time that a character had been utilized on the packaging of such software, making her a pioneering figure.

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Our Business

We have more than 100 partners around the world, including the U.S. and Europe, and have licensed and sold more than 47 million pieces of sound software to the Japanese market. We started out as a "sound trading company" importing and selling audio materials such as sound effects, etc. Today, we are building and developing a wide range of services and technologies such as DTM software, sound delivery stores, music aggregators, 3D CGI systems, and smartphone game development, under a horizontal company structure. We are also known as the developer of the singing voice synthesis software "Hatsune Miku".

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