

## Microsoft Speech Recognition and Text-to-Speech Savings Now Available to UNIX and other Non-Microsoft Markets via Aumtech's "MRCP Connector"

East Brunswick, NJ. May 2, 2007 – Aumtech has announced that it can enable all companies to access Microsoft® Office Communications Server 2007 Speech Server (OCS), which includes Microsoft's Speech Recognition and Text-to-Speech (TTS) products—even those on non-Microsoft platforms—for development of all speech-driven commercial applications.

This ability to capitalize on the value of the Microsoft Speech Recognition Services in Microsoft's OCS was formerly available only to developers using Microsoft's Operating Systems. Through Aumtech's "MRCP Connector", Companies running *on non-Microsoft platforms* can also access the cost-effective Speech Server and TTS products.

With the inclusion of Speech Recognition in its VISTA operating system on the desktop, and with the rollout of its Office Communications Suite of Services for commercial use, Microsoft expects to completely eliminate any resistance to the use of Speech as a primary computing interface—even for those not using Microsoft's Operating Systems for their production applications.

Aumtech has developed the "MRCP Connector" interface, which is now available, to allow enterprises to benefit from Microsoft's Speech Services in the Office Communications Server. Highlights regarding Aumtech's MRCP Connector are:

1. It will allow any Media Server which supports an MRCP 2.0 client, to access Microsoft's Speech Services.
2. Microsoft Speech Services will also include a world-class TTS product.
3. The pricing for Microsoft Speech Recognition and TTS Services will be an exceptional value
4. Aumtech will be making its MRCP connector available for free, but there will be a support charge.

Aumtech is working with major worldwide Interactive Voice Response (IVR) providers, to ensure that all interested customers – whether they are on the Microsoft platform or not – are able to access the benefits represented by the value of Microsoft's offer, via Aumtech's product announcement. Contact your IVR Vendor, or [sales@aumtech.com](mailto:sales@aumtech.com) 732.254.1875, for more information on how to deploy the Microsoft Speech Services products on a non-Microsoft platform.

If you or your IVR vendor do not yet have an IVR platform with MRCP 2.0 capabilities, Aumtech also has VoiceXML platforms available with MRCP connectivity—either a boardless SIP version, or a Dialogic-based product, and the Professional Services to support every facet of your application development.