# **VOICEBRO**

VOICE CLIENT & SERVER SYSTEM



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### SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Voicebro is a versatile voice solution for Unity projects that lets you run your own servers without strict licensing mechanisms, that can run on the internet and closed intranet systems. It supports client-side cryptography, WebGL and many other features.



#### Voicebro Server Console - Win build



#### Unity 2022.3.12f1 Demo Project

Voicebro consists of two main components:

- A) Server software (binaries & source code)
- B) Unity client plugin & scripts

#### All you have to do to get started is:

- 1) Import the Voicebro asset or UnityPackage into your Unity project
- 2) Open the demo scene provided with Voicebro

3) Click on the Voicebro\_Client object in the scene and set the hostname or IP address that the server is running on (default port for server is UDP 5056 for UDP mode, please adjust server firewalls as needed) -- or leave it set to our demo server for testing

4) Build the unity project OR hit play -- run on two or more machines or more than one instance of your build, editor, etc. to test multiuser functionality

NOTE: A demo server is provided to customers of this product at virtualworldsystems.com, but it is not guaranteed to be available at all times nor is it meant for heavy production usage. You will need to compile and run your own Voicebro server using the provided zipped visual studio 2022 project on a VPS or a physical server somewhere.

#### Why run my own voice server?

Cost & savings - You will now be running your voice network for your game/project <u>at the cost</u> of a VPS, Droplet, or for intranet only projects you would run it on a server locally inside of the network. If you are still using third party providers for other networking in parallel to Voicebro, at least the cost of your voice services will be <u>at cost and minimal</u>

Encryption - Some projects in certain niche's of professional Unity project development such as Education, Healthcare, Government, etc require that encryption is strong and privacy is fully protected. Voicebro uses client side only cryptography, so only the users that know the same key/iv/interest group can successfully hear/speak to each other.

Compatibility & Ease of use - We have included plug 'n play functionality for Voicebro to make life easy for developers already or planning on building projects with Netcode, NetcodePlus, Mirror, Photon Fusion or PUN2. You can also make your own custom integration directly in the VoicebroPlayer script.

WebGL!!?? - Yep, Voicebro now supports WebGL by offering it's own custom Microphone and WebSockets JSLIB implementations that the client script works directly with to get the job done when running in WebGL builds. WebSockets mode also works in the Editor as well as all other build types. UDP mode is still great when you don't need WebGL builds, as it does not require you to configure any SSL certificate or anything.

## SERVER OVERVIEW

Voicebro has it's own server, and it needs to run somewhere such as a public VPS, or a physical computer inside your LAN. Your game client builds should all have the hostname/IP address & port of the same server plugged into the VoicebroClient script in your build/project.

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To use your own server, you will need to compile the server yourself in Visual Studio 2022. Simply open the visual studio project after extracting the server source zip file outside of your Unity project.

The server source code is located inside the file Assets\Voicebro\Server\VoicebroServer\_Source.zip file

We have some command line flags and parameters that can be passed into then when launching:

Start in headless mode (text lines only, no text based GUI): VoicebroServer.exe -h

Set verbose level (value range is 0 to 2, 0 is default) Example with verbose level set to 1: VoicebroServer.exe -v=1

NOTE: Please only use verbose level 0 for production usage, level 1 will show details about each voice packet received, and level 2 shows retransmission debug info's and can get very spammy very quickly and affect performance negatively;

Both options at once, best choice for production usage: VoicebroServer.exe -h -v=0

NOTE: Performance will be dependent on the hardware and network abilities & limitations of the server itself, but because the server project is made and compiled directly in visual studio .NET as a C# cross-platform console app, the performance is actually quite decent with low overhead. It will be up to you to decide how and where you want to launch/shutdown copies of the voice server and how to point your gameclient to them appropriately per scene, world, player group, etc. -- be it per port or via interest groups on one instance of the server. It usually makes sense to use 'interest groups' for the concept of 'rooms' when overall you have lower daily active user counts, or run multiple voice servers on different ports and/or hosts for larger daily active user counts.

When making your own builds of the VoicebroServer, here are some helpful PowerShell commands. After doing a clean/build etc, you can publish your compiled server binary and include all runtime files all into a single binary file, examples for windows & linux platforms:

dotnet publish -c Release -r win-x64 --self-contained -p:PublishSingleFile=true
dotnet publish -c Release -r linux-x64 --self-contained -p:PublishSingleFile=true

If you are running your VoicebroServer on Linux such as an <u>Ubuntu</u> VPS, Elastic Compute Cloud, Droplet, etc - you will need to install LibSSL and .NET Runtime SDK for the binary to launch properly:

sudo apt-get install -y dotnet-runtime-7.0 sudo apt-get install -y dotnet-runtime-8.0 (You can change the Framework version to 7.0/8.0/etc if you prefer in the VoicebroServer.csproj file directly)

LibSSL installation: sudo apt-get install libssl1.0.0

Make server binary file executable: chmod +x VoicebroServer

If you are looking for a good way to keep your Voicebro and other game servers running in the background and manage them on Linux, you might give 'tmux' a try, please take a look at <u>tmuxcheatsheet.com</u>

tmux new-session -d -t 0 tmux attach -t 0 Ctrl+B+D to detach and keep things running in there

### SERVER CONFIG

The server project will needs it's environment setup



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The server project once built, will need a config.ini in the same directory you put the binary in, and it needs to explicitly contain certain entries, even if some are left blank -- without config.ini, the server will not startup correctly. Here is what the config.ini file should look like by default:

serverdomain=localhost listenip=127.0.0.1 httpsport=7000 httpport=8000 wssport=8010 pfxcert= pfxpass= maxsemaphore=15 requesttimeout=15 wwwenabled=true wwwpath=www/webgl udpenabled=true udpport=5056 websocketsenabled=true bridgemode=true

Let's go over all of the config.ini options...

<u>serverdomain (string hostname)</u> -- The Fully Qualified Domain Name of the server, this is mostly used for WebGL, if you are testing locally, a value of 'localhost' without the quotes is perfect; If you are running the voice server in 'Secure WS' mode on a public server, you need to set this to the domainname value that the SSL certificate is for -- which should also match the domain you will be serving the WebGL applet off of.

<u>listenip</u> (ipv4 address)-- The IP we want to bind our listeners to for UDP and WebSockets mode, 127.0.0.1 works great for local testing, but otherwise needs to be the public ipv4 address of the server it is running on

httpport (int) / httpsport (int) -- This is the HTTP and HTTPS port the 'built in webserver' can use for local testing purposes only, but please do not use the built in web server for production purposes

wssport (int) -- This is the WebSockets port we want to listen on, please leave this at its default value of 8010 for getting started

<u>pfxcert</u> (string path)-- The full filepath to your SSL certificate that matches the domain name set in 'serverdomain' field value; It cannot be a CRT file, it must be converted to a PFX format; It can be a filename that is expected to be in the same folder as the compiled server binary, OR a full file path disk:\folder\file.pfx etc

pfxpass (string) -- The password set on the PFX file when converted/generated, if no password was set when converting it, simply leave this field blank

maxsemaphore (int) -- The maximum number of threads the www.server can use at any given time

requesttimeout (int) -- This is for wwwserver, the amount of seconds before a request is given up on if not finished sending

wwwenabled (true/false) -- this enables the local web server for testing purposes only; when enabled, it expects a folder to exist at 'wwwpath', and when it exists and this option is enabled, it will easily serve files out of it on port 8000 (http), which comes in quite handy for local/dev testing when building WebGL game applets. You can supply a direct path to a folder for wwwPath, OR a subfolder path, ex: wwwpath=www/webgl is expecting a folder named www inside the folder where out server binary is, and another sub folder named 'webgl' inside of that -- this is where it will serve our built Unity WebGL applet from -- and with this config, the URL would be http://localhost:8000/webgl -- Please use a heavy duty web server in your actual production environment for serving your WebGL applet and webpage files, such as Apache or NGINX, not this applet-testing wwwserver -- please set this value to false for production environment !

udpenabled (true/false) / udpport (int) -- Enable or disable UDP mode, and the port to use for that mode, please leave at default value when possible

websocketsenabled (true/false) -- Enable or disable WebSocket mode

bridgemode (true/false) -- When set to true, the server will relay packets/connections and serialize players across both UDP and WebSockets mode for use cases that might have more than one build type where one type might prefer to be in UDP mode and additionally has a WebGL client or other need to also offer WebSockets mode

### CLIENT

The Voicebro client portion runs inside your Unity project. It consists of two main scripts: VoicebroClient.cs and VoicebroPlayer.cs; There are also two editor scripts, as well as the VoicebroCore.dll cross platform plugin.

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Voicebro PLAYER script

Voicebro CLIENT script

#### The VoicebroPlayer script

Each script contains editor tooltips that explain what each value is used for:

isLocalPlayer: This value needs to be set to true before the script is enabled/activated/started on the local player prefab at runtime, and disabled on the spawnable player prefab itself

username/uuid: For visual debug purposes only, do not change at runtime; To change the local users name at runtime, please set it via VoicebroClient.instance.username via your other scripts before connecting.

UserLabel: Slot in a Text component if you want to show usernames of each player serialized thru Voicebro on it

VoiceMeter\_Left: Slot in a Text component if you want to use them for displaying voice level meters of each player (left)

VoiceMeter\_Right: Slot in a Text component if you want to use them for displaying voice level meters of each player (right)

#### <u>Overview</u>

This script goes on your player prefab, isLocalPlayer must be set to true when it is spawned or ahead of time if already placed in the scene, and <u>before</u> the VoicebroPlayer script is activated, etc. It should be set to false by default in your prefab directly. The provided demo-scene has and is expecting the LocalPlayer prefab variant directly in the scene with it checked. Voicebro does not provide a demo option for spawning/destroying the local player, only remote players.

You should be spawning your players via your games backend/server-client system or cloud networking service directly for complete control of all the various serializations your players will need still. This is only a voice system. Extra serialization's sent within voice chunks only show up once per interval which is every half a second by default (voiceChunkSize), and usually isn't frequent enough to be serializing other things for the player anyways. VoicebroServer should probably be ran on a separate droplet/vps/ecc than your actual game instancing servers if they use up a majority of its available resources at peak usage levels.

#### The VoicebroClient script

The most important thing we need to understand about it is that there should only be one object in the scene with the VoicebroClient script on it, but that object+script should exist once in any scene that you want the users to have voice communications working in. Feel free to disable this object in the scene by default and enable the gameObject or script when you want the local user to actually try to connect to the voice server initially.

Please also make sure your encryption key/iv matches for all users connecting to the same server/port across all clients, as well as the compression setting. Interest groups can be changed on the fly to 'change rooms'

#### Script properties

Each script contains editor tooltips that explain what each value is used for:

sampleRate: The sampling rate the local player encodes their mic data at, can be unique per player and changed on demand from other scripts via VoicebroClient.instance.sampleRate

AudioEncodingType: Choose from PCM (Uncompressed), µ-law, or ADPCM compression to control bandwidth usage

enableEncryption: When enabled, voice packets are encrypted & decrypted on the client side -- requires a KEY/IV to be generated using the provided button when enabled & the key needs to be the same by all receiving parties

encryptionKey: Encryption Key -- please generate with button above, and ensure the key&iv match on all connected clients

encryptionIV: Encryption Initialization Vector -- please generate with button above, and ensure the key&iv match on all connected clients

isRecording: When true, the local player will transmit audio from the systems default microphone/input device. This value can easily be changed via VoicebroClient.instance.isRecording via your own scripts

broadcastMode: When enabled, the local player will be heard by all other players in the interest group a.k.a. 'channel', reguardless of their world position (SpatialBlend = 2D), when disabled the local player will only be heard when someone is near them.

MicButtonIcon: Please slot in your UI button's image for the Mic/Mute button (optional)

BroadcastButtonIcon: Please slot in your UI button's image for the Broadcast button (optional)

debugEnabled: When enabled, verbose debug entries will be created in the console

spawnRemotePlayers: When enabled, Voicebro client will spawn remote players when voice packets are received without a player gameobject already existing in the Scene & PlayerTracker; This does NOT spawn the localPlayer -- it needs to be put in the scene manually when this mode is enabled

serializePlayerPositions: When enabled, remote player positions will be serialized through Voicebro (once every interval, based on voiceChunk size)

playerPrefab: The player prefab to use when spawnRemotePlayers is enabled

destroyRemotePlayers: Destroy remote players when they have timed out, based on the Voicebro system (for use with spawnRemotePlayers enabled)

destroyPlayerTimeout: The timeout (in seconds) that Voicebro decides a player has left/stopped talking to the server for use when destroyRemotePlayers is enabled

NetProtocolMode: UDP or WebSockets, generally UDP mode is better for larger number of voices/players, but WebSockets mode is required for WebGL builds. If you try to build your game for WebGL with Voicebro and UDP mode enabled, the build will fail, and you must switch this mode to WebSockets and get that setup. See 'WebSockets & WebGL' section for more info on this topic.

SecureWS: When enabled, if NetProtocolModeis set to WebSockets, this will cause the client to use the wss:// protocol, when disabled it will use the ws:// non-secure protocol, which is only good for working with 'localhost'

serverHostname: The hostname or IP address of the remote voice server

serverPort: The remote port of the voice server

interestGroup: The voice 'channel' that the local player should belong to, can be changed on the fly at runtime -- make this unique for each scene or 'room' in your project

voiceChunkSize: The size (in seconds) of each voice chunk/frame -- recommended value is 0.5

compressionLevel: Compression level of voice data -- must be consistent for all players in interest group/server

#### Streamlined Networking Mode property

If you are using a common player networking system and want to run Voicebro in parallel with it, you can import the SDK for that system into your project first and then select it from the StreamlinedNetworkingMode dropdown on your VoicebroClient script in the scene. This will set a custom scripting symbol in your project that tells Voicebro how to serialize the Voice Actor's UUID and username across all game clients so it can cross reference them to the actual player prefabs in the scene at runtime and know who's AudioSource to spit out what signals thru. If you have this setting set to the default 'Standalone' mode, that is meant for when you want Voicebro to spawn/destroy/serialize player prefabs based on voice packets -- in standalone mode you need to make sure searchForRemotePlayers, spawnRemotePlayers, SerializePlayerPositions, and destroyRemotePlayers are all set to **true**, and in any other mode they are all set to **false**.

NOTE: Voicebro does not tunnel voice data through these other networking systems or providers, this simply allows it to work seamlessly with other player networking systems your project might already be or planning to use. Obviously, some of these are not good for offline/intranet only projects, but others are like Netcode/NetcodePlus.

Please take notice of the empty #ifdef blocks in VoicebroPlayer.cs titled 'VOICEBRO\_CUSTOM", these are left intentionally blank with a comment in each one that shows you exactly where you would need to add code similar to each's neighbor, to make your own custom connector for any other player networking system we did not provide one for.

### WEBSOCKETS & WEBGL

If you want to build WebGL applets in Unity that use Voicebro, you will need to setup the server to allow WebSockets mode, but you will also need to configure your VoicebroClient in your Unity WebGL project accordingly too. Here are some examples

This is what the config.ini and VoicebroClient settings should look like for running on the actual production webserver, obviously with your server's details instead. You will need to build your WebGL game, then upload it to your webserver -- I usually zip it and send it over then just extract it in it's place where Apache serves it out of.

Notice that SecureWS is enabled on the VoicebroClient, this because we are using a PFXCert (SSL cert) on the server and so Secure WS mode needs to enabled in the Unity WebGL build too.

Notice wwwenabled is set to false, this is because here we are serving our WebGL applets folder via Apache2 for production, so we don't need the built-in applettesting webserver to be enabled. If it even matters, we could also disable UDP mode here too, if we only had a WebGL build for our game then we really would have no need for the UDP server to be enabled, nor would we need bridgemode enabled -- but each use case / scenario will be unique so the options are here and available to customize. With that being said, if it is needed, bridge mode enabled is still totally fine for production use.

This is what the config.ini and VoicebroClient settings should look like by default, for running locally. Take note, that when using WebSockets without a SSL certificate (PFXCert), only the hostname 'localhost' will allow actual data to transmit thru the WebSockets connection. If you use any other hostname, all browsers require you to use an SSL certificate that matches the domain name the WebGL applet is served off of, in order to send actual messages thru the WebSockets. However, for 'localhost', this works in your local browser without a SSL cert, but you must use the HTTP (not HTTPS) url to the test webserver, ex: <code>http://localhost:8000/</code> .. and <code>SecureWS</code> must be turned off on the VoicebroClient in the WebGL build -- then you'll be serving your WebGL build out of the www/ folder -- so build it and put in in there!

serverdomain=virtualworldsystems.com listenip=172.233.148.210 httpsport=7000 httpport=8000 wssport=8010 pfxcert=/sslfiles/vws.pfx pfxpass= maxsemaphore=15 requesttimeout=15 wwwenabled=false wwwapath= udpenabled=true udpport=5056 websocketsenabled=true bridgemode=true

Server config.ini example (production)

<b>₽VC</b>	DICEBRO	
Sample Rate	16000	
Audio Encoding Type	ADPCM	
	erate Random Key/IV	
Enable Encryption	✓	
Encryption Key	1zY6pmmBfc04ntUBUHyM3Bk4Eein1	3yl
Encryption IV	uCN+FysFLpub6UA2JoKKLw==	
Is Recording		
Broadcast Mode		
Mic Button Icon	도 Icon (Image)	
Broadcast Button Icon	⊠lcon (Image)	
Debug Enabled		
Spawn Remote Players	~	
Serialize Player Positions	~	
Player Prefab	🗊 Player	
Destroy Remote Players	×	
Destroy Player Timeout		
Streamlined Networking I	Standalone	
Net Protocol Mode	Web Sockets	
Secure WS		
Server Hostname	virtualworldsystems.com	
Server Port	8010	
Interest Group	demo	
Voice Chunk Size	0.5	
Compression Level	Optimal	
Disuse Tracker	0	

listenip=127.0.0.1
httpsport=7000
httpport=8010
pfxcert=
pfxpass=
maxsemaphore=15
requesttimeout=15
wwwenabled=true
wwwpath=www
udpenabled=true
udport=5056
websocketsenabled=true
bridgemode=true

serverdomain=localhost

Server config.ini example (for local testing)

	VOICEBRO				
	Sample Rate	6000			
	Audio Encoding Type	DPCM			
		ate Random Key/IV			
	Enable Encryption				
	Encryption Key	zY6pmmBfc04ntUBUHyM3	Bk4Eein13y		
	Encryption IV	CN+FysFLpub6UA2JoKKLv	N==		
	Is Recording				
	Broadcast Mode				
	Mic Button Icon	Clcon (Image)			
	Broadcast Button Icon	Elcon (Image)			
	Debug Enabled				
	Spawn Remote Players				
	Serialize Player Positions	1			
	Player Prefab	Player			
	Destroy Remote Players				
	Destroy Player Timeout				
	Streamlined Networking I	tandalone			
	Net Protocol Mode	Veb Sockets			
	Secure WS				
	Server Hostname	ocalhost			
	Server Port	010			
	Interest Group	emo			
	Voice Chunk Size	.5			
	Compression Level	optimal			
►	Player Tracker		0		



A screenshot of a JS alert box error message that is seen when trying to load the Unity WebGL applet over a HTTP connection instead of an HTTPS version of the URL, when the SecureWS option was enabled on the VoicebroClient in the scene when making the Unity WebGL build.

### SSL CERTS

When using Secure WebSockets with VoicebroServer, you will need to convert your .CRT certificate to a .PFX file; PFX is the format required by the server .NET project, and .CRT is what is usually given and installed on a production webserver running Linux such as Apache or Nginx, so we usually need to convert it for our Voicebro WebSocket server's purposes.

# Our ssl cert files that our production webserver is already using (Apache, NGINX, etc) for example only - 'mysite.com'

root@localhost:/ssls/mysite# ls
mysite\_com.ca-bundle mysite\_com.crt mysite.csr mysite.key

# Need to install OpenSSL first if you don't already have it on your server, this example is for Ubuntu Linux

root@localhost:/ssls/mysite# sudo apt update
root@localhost:/ssls/mysite# sudo apt install openssl

# Use OpenSSL to convert our .crt file to a .pfx file for use with our compiled VoicebroServer for linux

root@localhost:/ssls/mysite# openssl pkcs12 -export -out mynewcert.pfx -inkey vws.key -in mysite\_com.crt -certfile mysite\_com.ca-bundle

Enter Export Password: (I left it blank) Verifying - Enter Export Password:

# Now we have our PFX cert file ready for use with Voicebro
root@localhost:/ssls/mysite# ls
mysite\_com.ca-bundle mysite\_com.crt mysite.csr mysite.key mynewcert.pfx

# Now that we have our pfx file ready, we can point pfxcert value in our VoicebroServer's config.ini file directly to it; Notice I left # pfxpass blank, because I left it blank when converting the CRT file to a PFX file using openssl:

root@localhost:/voicebroserver1.0.6# pico config.ini

serverdomain=mysite.com listenip=172.233.148.210 httpsport=7000 httpport=8000 wssport=8010 pfxcert=/ssls/mysite/mynewcert.pfx pfxpass= maxsemaphore=15 requesttimeout=15 wwwenabled=false wwwpath= udpenabled=true udpport=5056 websocketsenabled=true bridgemode=true

# If all is setup correctly, when we startup the server, it will show our WebSocketServer status, the part highlighted in green below shows # the PFX was loaded in correctly, it will show errors instead if are any issues occur while loading the PFX cert:

root@localhost:/voicebroserver1.0.6# ./VoicebroServer -h -v=0

Server Domain: mysite.com Listen IP: 172.233.148.210 WWW Enabled: false UDP Enabled: true UDP Port: 5056 WebSockets Enabled: true WSS Port: 8010 PFX Cert: /ssls/mysite/mynewcert.pfx PFX Pass: Max Semaphore: 15 Request Timeout: 15 \_ Voicebro Server 1.0.6 (bridgemode:on) \_

Attempting to start WebSockets server... WebSocketServer SSL PFX: /ssls/mysite/mynewcert.pfx WebSockets listening @ wss://mysite.com:8010/audio UDP server listening on @ 172.233.148.210 5056... WebSocket connection opened: 7d7857c2c44f41418df98ed6b8bbef97 WebSocket connection opened: 17a23d8d292e487f843881e10cebef42

### FILES

Description of each script/file in the Voicebro UnityPackage

Documentation/Voicebro Documentation 1.0.6.pdf -- this manual

Editor/VoicebroClientEditor.cs -- Unity editor script that makes VoicebroClient.cs look nice in the inspector Editor/VoicebroPlayerEditor.cs -- Unity editor script that makes VoicebroPlayer.cs look nice in the inspector

Materials/Grid.mat -- floor material Materials/PlayerCapsule.mat -- player capsule material

Plugins/VoicebroCore.dll -- Cross platform library that contains mostly encoding/decoding and encryption/decryption functions, will be included within builds

Plugins/WebGL/VoicebroMicrophone.jslib -- custom logic that works directly with VoicebroMicrophone.cs to allow usage of the microphones in WebGL Plugins/WebGL/VoicebroWebSockets.jslib -- custom WebGL logic for WebSockets

Prefabs/LocalPlayer Variant.prefab -- the local player prefab that gets put directly in the scene, when using 'Standalone Mode' (built in basic serializations thru Voicebro packets) Prefabs/Player.prefab -- the remote player prefab that get's slotted into VoicebroPlayer client in the scene Prefabs/Voicebro\_Client.prefab -- VoicebroClient to put in 'live scene' where voice is to occur, with it's default values

Scenes/Voicebro\_Demo\_1.unity -- the default demo scene for Voicebro Scripts/LocalPlayerMovement.cs -- basic local player script that allows player movement via mouse and vertical/horizontal inputs Scripts/VoicebroMicrophone.cs -- script that lets Unity C# talk to VoicebroMicrophone.jslib Scripts/VoicebroClient.cs -- this should be on an object in any scene you want voice to work in, where live players are Scripts/VoicebroPlayer.cs -- this script goes on player prefabs at the root, +AudioListener for LocalPlayer only Scripts/VoicebroWDPClient.cs -- the UDP mode script for client connection Scripts/VoicebroWebSocketClient.cs -- the unity c# script that talks to the custom jslib VoicebroWebSockets.jslib script in WebGl builds

Server/VoicebroServer\_Source.zip -- The C# .NET project sourcecode for the Voicebro Server -- please extract this outside of the Unity project, and open the VS Solution file with Visual Studio 2022 w/ admin privs to get started

Textures/Grid.png -- used for the floor material in demo scene Textures/Microphone.png -- used for the mic on/off toggle UI button Textures/Megaphone.png -- used for the 'broadcast' on/off toggle UI button

### MISC TIPS & TRICKS

If you want the TGUI mode to work on Linux with your server builds, (not using the -h flag for headless mode), you might be met with an error when trying to run the server binary without the -h flag:



The way to get around this, is to publish the built linux binary in Visual Studio with singlefile mode set to false, and it should work on Linux over Putty or SSH inside tmux etc -- this is shown to work here on Ubuntu. Your VoicebroServer build will end up being many files that need zipped and transferred over to your VPS instead of just one server binary (if you didn't build directly on the VPS) -- but TGUI mode will indeed work if you build this way!



So, build this way and it will work, with -p:PublishSingleFile=false



Q: How many copies of the server am I allowed to run?

A: As many as you want, as many that your servers/resources can handle, there is no strict or enforced license system or subscriptions with Voicebro

Q: How many users can be in a 'voice room' or 'interest group' at once? A: There is no hard limit, if you have a large amount of users, you may want to consider adding in a hard-limit in your game logic directly or use player-distance culling where you destroy players that are too far away. The answer is 'whatever the servers AND each players hardware can handle'

Q: From my own unity C# script, how can I make the local player muted/umuted?

A: Add the 'using Voicebro;' directive at top of script, then do:

VoicebroClient.instance.isRecording = true; //or false

Q: From my own unity C# script, how can I make the local player toggle broadcasting mode?:

A: VoicebroClient.instance.broadcastMode = true; //or false

Q: My online game project doesn't have the local player already in the scene, it gets spawned at runtime by some other networking system at runtime, how do I handle this?

A: Then you don't want the 'Standalone' option for the StreamlinedNetworkMode value on your VoicebroClient script in the scene, but rather it needs to match whatever system that is, and if it isn't listed you will need to make your own custom connector in the VoicebroPlayer.cs script's ifdef sections marked 'VOICEBRO\_CUSTOM'

Q: Can this voice system be used for projects with strict compliance requirements?

A: It supports custom encryption, closed system / offline / intranet usage, no license checks or phoning home to a third party server ever, and the only code that could be considered 'hidden' is inside VoicebroCore.dll, which can still be fully inspected via tools like ILSpy or DotPeek, it is not obfuscated -- you can even move the code from this directly into your unity project if you really want, but I think performance of this code is possibly better in an external library. With all that being said I think so yes, but please check your projects exact requirements yourself to be sure.

Q: Do I need to open/forward ports on my VPS, Droplet, ECC etc for VoicebroServer? A: Yes, whatever ports (defaults are 5056 for UDP mode and 8081 for WebSockets mode) your VoicebroServer listens on need to be opened on a VPS/Droplet/ECC, or unblocked on firewall and port forwarding setup if the server device is behind a router.

Q: Will this voice system work with WebGL + the 3rd party networking system listed below? A: Yes! if any of the StreamlinedNetworkMode providers (for example, Photon Fusion) allow their system to work within WebGL builds by utilizing WebSockets, for those yes Voicebro will still work in parallel with them by using the StreamlinedNetworkMode presets.

Q: With the various options for StreamlinedNetworkMode, what components from each networking SDK does VoicebroPlayer expect to be on the same transform as it (root of player prefab) at runtime for each mode? Can you also give extended info about each mode as well? A: Yes! See below:

Version	Scripting Symbol	VoicebroPlayer inherits from	Sister Transform Component	Unity Versions Tested+Pass
2.0.3 🗸 🗸	VOICEBRO_FUSION	NetworkObject	NetworkObject	2022.3.12f1, 6000.0.12f1
2.46 🗸	VOICEBRO_PUN2	MonoBehaviour, IPunObservable	PhotonView	2022.3.12f1, 6000.0.12f1
89.8.0 🗸	VOICEBRO_MIRROR	NetworkBehaviour	NetworkIdentity	2022.3.12f1, 6000.0.12f1
	VOICEBRO_NETCODE	NetworkObject	NetworkObject	
NGO 1.4.0 🗾				2022.3.12f1
NGO 1.9.1 🔽				6000.0.12f1
1.0.3	VOICEBRO_NETCODEPLUS	SNetworkPlayer	SNetworkPlayer+SNetworkObject	
NGO 1.6.0 🔽				2022.3.12f1
NGO 1.9.1 🔽				6000.0.12f1
1.0.6 🗸	VOICEBRO_STANDALONE	MonoBehaviour	N/A	2022.3.12f1, 2021.3.12f1,
🔽				6000.0.12f1

Q: Does Virtualworld Systems have a community discord server? A: Yes! You are officially invited, <u>Here</u> is the link!

A. 103: Tou are officially invited, <u>note</u> is the link:

Q: What projects did you base each 'StreamlinedNetworkMode' off of and test with? A: Special thanks to the creators of the following demo's for this purpose:

Photon Fusion SDK demo 'FusionDemoGameplayHost' Photon PUN2 SDK demo 'PUN Asteroids' Mirror SDK demo 'MirrorTanks' Netcode-Multiplayer demo by Rishav Nath Pati @ ConvAI NetcodePlus by Indie Marc 'Tanks', 'Puzzle' and 'Simple' demos

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