Narrator

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1.1 NARRATOR

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                An AmIRC script to speak dialog

                        Version 1.23

                        User Documentation

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                – ShareWare/MailWare/KewlWare –

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1.2 CONCEPTS & FEATURES

                    CONCEPT

 Have you ever been on your favorite IRC channel and been afraid to
leave (to get a snack, answer a phone, spank the dog) in case you miss
something?

 Now you'll never miss a thing...

 Narrator uses the Amiga's built in speech capabilities to narrate the
messages people type.

 If nothing else, this script with have you rolling on the floor,
laughing...

FEATURES

Screening ('Private Messages' button)
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  Narrator can be told to speak ONLY those messages that are sent to
 you via /msg.

Random Voices ('Random Voice' button)
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  Narrator can randomize the pitch of the voice.

Voice Control ('Pitch', 'Speed' & 'Inflection' gadgets)
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  Narrator allows user control of the voice style via simple arguments.

Flooder Muting ('Speak Everything' button)
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 Narrator can speak everything people type, or can speak only the first
line in a row, eating the second, third, ect. lines. This is useful for
busy channels and DCC notifications.

Smiley/Acronym Interpretation ('Smileys & Acronyms' button)
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  Narrator can translate
                smileys & acronyms
                 into phrases.
 If someone types 'BRB', Narrator will speak "BE RIGHT BACK"
 If someone types ':)', Narrator will speak "grins"

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Smiley/Acronym Editor
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  This is currently unavailable in the shareware version.
 You could, however, edit the NarratorConfig manually, but I don't suggest
 this method.

Applications Editor
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  This is currently unavailable in the shareware version.
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1.3 REQUIREMENTS

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REQUIREMENTS
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 Narrator requires 'AmIRC' (tested with V1.41) and 'SPEAK:' device
mounted.  'MUIRexx' is also required and should reside in 'SYS:Rexxc/'

AmiNET:comm/tcp/amirc.lha
AmiNET:dev/mui/MUIRexx_2_2.lha  (if you use Kuang$^1$$^1$,
                                 then you already have this installed)

 If you don't have the SPEAK: stuff it is in v2.04 of Workbench
(and possibly earlier versions, I'm not sure), but unfortunately
not in v3.0+.   :/

 A SPEAK: mountlist is included.  It requires this;

 'narrator.device'     installed in  DEVS:
 'speak-handler'       installed in  L:
 'translator.library'  installed in  LIBS:
 'SPEAK'               installed in  DEVS:DOSDRIVERS/
 'SPEAK.info'          installed in  DEVS:DOSDRIVERS/

 I have heard that Narrator can CRASH if you do NOT have SPEAK:
mounted.  It is NOT enough to just have the SAY program working.

 One way to test SPEAK: is to type the following line in a cli;

ECHO 'testing' >SPEAK:

 If you hear the word 'testing' spoken, then Narrator WILL work.
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1.4 INSTALLATION

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INSTALLATION
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 Installation can be done using any directory utility.
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This is where you need to put the files. A directory named 'Narrator'
must be created in AmIRC:

 AmIRC:Narrator/NarratorGUI.rexx
 AmIRC:Narrator/NarratorConfig
 AmIRC:REXX/Narrator.amirx
 HELP:Narrator.guide

  To start Narrator, in AmIRC just type...

/rx Narrator

 ...or add an alias like this...

/alias Speak /rx Narrator

 Then all you need to do to start the Narrator is type '/Speak'.

1.5 USAGE

USAGE

 When you start Narrator via '/Speak' or a similar alias, the GUI
will open. Set the gadgets to your taste, and when you are satisfied,
PRESS 'Save'. This will save the settings and send them to the Narrator.

 NOTE: The settings will not take effect until someone (other than you)
        types something. If you don't want to wait for that, just send
        yourself a message via /msg, or just double-click on your name.

 If for some reason you want to temporarily mute Narrator, PRESS 'Shutup!'.
 If you then PRESS 'Speak!', it will start up again.

 PRESSing 'Quit' shuts Narrator off. (go figure)

 For further help, simply use the bubble-help facility provided by
MUI. Make sure this feature is turned on in MUI Settings...

...or press the 'HELP' key to load this document.

1.6 HISTORY & FUTURE

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v1.23 (25.05.97) rexxsupport.library not checked for
                 (fixed)

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v1.2  (06.05.97) complete rewrite
                 added more smileys
                 GUI added
                 third AmiNET release

v1.1  (03.04.97) a minor bug fixed
                 smiley translation optimized
                 added more smileys
                 added simple status notification
                 added AmigaGuide© documentation
                 second AmiNET release

v1.0  (23.03.97)  initial AmiNET release


FUTURE
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- Applications & Smiley editors in shareware version (maybe v1.3?) :)

- More Smileys and Acronyms...

- Support for MIRC...  NOT!

- A 'CASHBACK' system to reward users for EMailing the author.  ;)
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1.7 SUPPORT

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SUPPORT
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 Should you have any problems getting this to work, or are unsure how
to configure, or you just want pat me on the back, you can EMail me at:

                    aspect@direct.ca

 Have fun!!!
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1.8 SMILEYS & ACRONYMS

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SMILEYS & ACRONYMS
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 Narrator can interpret and translate these;

   :) :( :D :> :< :b :p :þ :/ :\ :O

   8) 8( 8D 8> 8< 8b 8p 8þ 8/ 8\ 8O

   ;< ;)
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   bbl bbt brb btw rotfl rtfm l8r
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 If you want to see more of these, just request one via EMail, but
no noses please! ;-)

1.9 Support Amiga Developers

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 If you like this little program, and would like to reward me for
writing it, you know what to do... 8D

 As I have only received a handful of EMails, I suppose this is
highly unlikely, but wtf, "you never know"... (another acronym?)

 Even $1 would make me happy. I could frame it and put it on my
wall, and tell anyone that, yes, you can make money programming
ARexx... 8þ