Larry Pops Up!
Users Guide

Thank you for downloading *Larry Pops Up!* (LPU). Sierra has spared no expense in hand-crafting this amusing software product just for you, using only the finest materials and old-world craftsmanship. Properly maintained, LPU will give you years of trouble-free computing entertainment. Note: harsh abrasives may mar its hand-rubbed finish; an occasional swipe with a soft lint-free cloth is all you need to do.

Actually, LPU is just my own sneaky little way to get you to buy my next Leisure Suit Larry game, *Yank Hers Away!* coming this fall to finer software stores everywhere. I figured, if you like *Larry Pops Up!*, you'll love *Yank Hers Away!* It's even funnier.

Installation

You must have already figured out how to uncompress the file you downloaded or you wouldn't be reading this. And, knowing you, you've probably already double-clicked the LARPOPUP.EXE file just to see what would happen! So here's what to do next.

If you want LPU to run automatically every time you start your computer (and truthfully, who doesn't?!), create a shortcut to it in your Startup folder. Set the shortcut's working directory to the directory where the program was uncompressed so it can find its files. That's it.

If you're Windows-challenged, here's what to do: in Win 3.1, drag the LARPOPUP.EXE icon into your Startup group. In Win95, drag the LARPOPUP.EXE icon onto your desktop, rename the resulting shortcut, then drag it to your Startup folder. LPU works only in Windows. I don't want to hear any moaning about OS/2 and Macintosh and on and on. Face it: for now, Gates has won. It's time you learned to live with it!

Set Up

Double-click on *Larry Pops Up!*...and he doesn't! Instead, you get the LPU control panel. Leave it open for now.

Click "Speak now!" and (finally!) *Larry Pops Up*, says a random line, and then stays up, so you can position him where you'd like him to be. Just drag him anywhere (he's used to it!). From then on, he'll return to that location. The LPU control panel is also repositionable.

Click the cleverly titled check box "Minimize at Startup" if you want LPU to speak automatically (and truthfully, who doesn't?!). After all, isn't that why you downloaded this thing?

Adjust the "Pop up how often?" scrollbar to the number of minutes you want Larry to wait before speaking. The timer starts running *after* your last keystroke or mouse move.

You must Minimize the control panel to make LPU begin. Click the OK button (or the standard Windows Minimize button in the upper right corner).

Operation

Work and LPU does nothing. Do nothing and LPU works. That is, *Larry Pops Up!* only when your computer is idle. If you type or move the mouse, Larry waits quietly. (Actually, I think he's sleeping in there!) But if you do nothing long enough, *Larry Pops Up!* Hence, the name. Get it?

The interval is slightly approximate (we never know how long it will take the old boy to wake up when we call him!) so don't use it to time anything important, or you'll get a 2.9789352-minute egg.

And, even when Larry *is* ready, he still won't appear if some other application is using your soundcard. Or, at least he tries! Of course, not all software is so open-minded. Inferior (i.e., "other") software sometimes assumes *it* has complete control of the sound card, and doesn't want Larry horning in on the action (and truthfully, who does?!). So, when using software with lots of sound (i.e., "games"), I'd recommend closing LPU.

Sometimes, LPU doesn't know you're in a DOS session and may rudely interrupt. You may want to close LPU while you're using DOS software. (Then again, you may just want to stop using DOS software!) Try it and see.

More Free Stuff!

Just when you tire of hearing Larry say these lines, we'll give you more! Yes, we're going to give away add-on packets with lots of great new lines for Larry to say every month until we release (Oh, no! It's another commercial!) the latest, greatest, funniest, sexiest Leisure Suit Larry game in history, *Yank Hers Away!*

So, the first of every month, head back to wherever you got this copy, or to the cool new Sierra web site at http://www.sierra.com/, or to the Sierra or Gamers area on all the major on-line services (America On-Line, CompuServe, etc.). Now I know you're thinking, "Ah, ha! That's how Al's gonna stick us! He's gonna charge big bucks for those add-on lines!" *Wrong again, Biffy* They're all free, *free, FREE!*

Rolling Your Own!

Here's some more fun features of LPU: if you have other audio files you want to hear, just drop 'em into the LPU sub-directory and they'll get played. The only requirement is: they must be standard WAV format files. Cool, huh?

Heck, we'll even display your bitmaps for you. Just toss 'em in the directory. The only requirement is: they must be standard BMP format files. Of course, if they're 24-bit color files and you're in 256-color mode, they'll look like hell – but then, you knew that.

Fun Feature #3: hear special messages on your special days (like your birthday, maybe)? Just name your WAV file like this: Dddmmnn.DWV and toss it in the directory. Explanation: the first letter must be a D (for Don), the next two characters *(dd)* are a 2-digit code for the day of the month (from 01-31), the *mm* is a 2-digit month code (from 01-12), and *nn* is any 2-digit number (from 00-99) so you can have dozens of different messages play on any single day. So if you name a WAV file "D010100.DWV", it will play only on January 1st.

LPU only plays WAVs your sound card can handle. (It's not magic!) We tried it with a lot of WAVs, and they all worked…honest! But, if LPU doesn't like your file, give up. Toss it. It's not worth the effort. Go play Leisure Suit Larry. (Just make sure your parents aren't home!) Of course, if LPU does have trouble reading any file, it will provide you a thoughtfully worded error message which you will surely ignore.

In Conclusion

I sincerely hope you get some laughs out of *Larry Pops Up!* And keep an eye out for Leisure Suit Larry 7: *Yank Hers Away!* this fall. I think it's the best Larry ever. Buy it! Laugh! A lot! (Besides, you'll love the babes!)

> Best wishes,
> Al Lowe

Comments and Questions

Just keep 'em to yourself! Remember what you paid for this turkey. Nah, seriously, if you have comments or questions or (horrors!) find a bug, email its genius programmer Don. You can reach him at email address: **larry.popup@sierra.com** (Include a cookie for faster response.) If you send long rambling emails begging for Roberta Williams's autograph, don't expect an answer.

Do not phone, wire, send email, cables, or faxes to Sierra's Tech Support. This is a free product, and it's damn well worth it! Just call your sister's kid, you know, the one who spends all her time surfing the web and hacking the Pentagon. She'll know how to get LPU running.

Double Your Money Back Guarantee

We unconditionally guarantee that no other software offers more laughs per dollar than LPU. If you disagree, we'll refund double your money! (For the humor-impaired: you paid zip, you'll get back zip, OK?)

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