

SpeakEasy

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Chapter 1

SpeakEasy

1.1 Welcome to SpeakEasy

SpeakEasy - Make system requesters 'speak'

by John Corigliano

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1.2 What is SpeakEasy

SpeakEasy is a little 'hack' I wrote to make the Amiga a little more vocal. It makes system requesters 'speak' their message.

It requires the narrator software! See [Requirements](#) .

1.3 Requirements

SpeakEasy requires:

An Amiga :)

The narrator software:

1. devs:narrator.device
2. libs:translator.library

Amiga OS 1.3 or greater (although the narrator software is no longer part of the Amiga OS, it still works with 3.0 or better).

If you have upgraded to 3.0+ from an earlier version, you can get these files off your old Install disks and copy them.

1.4 How to use SpeakEasy

Format: SpeakEasy [FEMALE] [ROBOT] [VOLUME=<n>]

[PITCH=<n>] [RATE=<n>]

Template: FEMALE/S,ROBOT/S,VOLUME/N,PITCH/N,RATE/N

Purpose: Make system requesters 'speak' their message.

Path: (none)

Specifications: SpeakEasy intercepts all calls to the intuition.library functions AutoRequest() and EasyRequest() and sends the text of the requester to the narrator.device.

Defaults: SEX = MALE, MODE = NATURAL,
VOLUME = 64, PITCH = 110, RATE = 150

Ranges: VOLUME : 0 - 64

RATE : 40 - 400 wpm

PITCH : 65 - 320 Hertz

Notes:

To remove SpeakEasy, simply run it again.

Examples:

1> SpeakEasy

Start SpeakEasy with default values

1> SpeakEasy FEMALE RATE=200

Start SpeakEasy with no message, female voice, and rate of 200

1.5 Compatibility

There are a few other programs out there that patch Auto/EasyRequest() and SpeakEasy should be compatible with most of them (I have tried RTPatch and Arq succesfully).

However, you should always start my program LAST, after running any other patches. Why? 'Cause I'm cooler :) Actually, it's because SpeakEasy does not replace Auto/EasyRequest(), it only enhances them - but the functions still get called! The other patches usually replace Auto/EasyRequest() with their own code.

Example: To use SpeakEasy with Arq, add these to lines to s:user-startup in this order!! Assume both proggies are in a drawer called Bin

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run >NIL: Bin:Arq

Bin:SpeakEasy FEMALE ROBOT

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1.6 About the author

If you have questions or anything, feel free to e-mail me at

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Enjoy the program.

As always, USE THIS SOFTWARE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

Later,

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