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SensuVoX I

'Sensual Voice For Your PC'

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Introduction

How did all this start? When I was just a kid, I used to watch Star Trek with my Dad. One of the neat parts of the show, to me, was the fact that the computer talked. I thought it was pretty wild that Kirk, et al could vocally request information from the computer, but I really liked that the computer would talk back.

On one episode, as an aside to the plot, they had just visited some planet dominated by females, and the ladies there had worked on the ship's computer. As a result the computer went from having an electronically nasal voice to having a distinct sensual female persona. That was it for me. I had to have me one of those!

When I first got into computers (circa 1977), I was disappointed that they had no voice or personality (other than bad tempers at times). As the PC world was born, I started to seek out ways to make my PC talk to me. I tried a number of things.

I started with programs that produced electronic hissing through a PC speaker that sounded like a bad AM radio. Then ended up with speech synth cards that required me to enter every single phonetic word to coax some electronic verbiage from a little 3 inch add on speaker. The end result sounded like a member of the East German Swim team with a mouth full of marbles. The biggest let down was the lack of inflection, which would have given the PC personality.

My time finally came when speech cards were created. At last, true speech! But playing individual lines through a WAV program wasn't really what I had in mind. One lucky day I came across Moon Valley Software's IconHeart and Heart F/X programs, that changed everything!

It gave voice to all the computer commands! It even had a voice clock and Solitaire game! Joy of joys, I thought I had found it! My joy lasted only a few hours. The voices were HORRIBLE! Not that they were bad quality, but they lacked personality. If you are not familiar, you have a choice of an American woman or man, a British man, or a Southern woman.

Like all good things, if you want it done right, do it yourself! So I did, the result is SensuVoX.

SensuVoX, is several different collections of WAV files meant to replace those from IconHeart and Heart F/X (or any other Windows WAV player). Each collection is done by a different vocalist. The distribution copy only has twenty-five commands, five from each person. You can order complete sets from any one voice, or all the voice sets, see the file REGISTER.WRI for details. In addition to the complete voice set (see Appendix A), you will get extra WAVs that each person has decided to include, and a BMP of the performer, if they allowed one to be used. In cases where the vocalist did not use a BMP, use your imagination!

The vocalists were chosen from audition tapes sent to us. They were found while sifting through the large pile of inputs received. If you think you have the kind of voice that would add personality to a PC, see Appendix B for auditioning details.

The rest of this document is dedicated to the installation of these WAVs and how to make them work for you. A listing of which command was uttered by which vocalist is in Appendix C, to help you decide on your PC's persona.

One note: The WAVs and speech are not super duper studio perfect. The vocalist in all cases (except one) are just ordinary folks who have the type of sensual voices needed for this type of project. This "normal" flavour makes serve to make SensuVoX just that much more appealing. These are the voices of the sensual person next door.

Installation & Usage

The SETUP program will put files into three sub directories, off of the basic sub directory (the default is SensuVoX). These sub directories are: TASOUNDS, SPEECH and TASTYBIT. All of the Card and Number WAVs will be placed in the TASOUNDS sub directory, commands will be placed in the SPEECH sub directory and all other WAVs (including names) will be placed in the TASTYBIT sub directory.

Using Windows Sound

Windows itself has crude vocalization capabilities. All you need to do to activate them, is to go to the Control Panel and select the Sound option. This screen will allow you to "attach" specific files to specific events (i.e. to attach START.WAV to the Windows Start event, click Windows Start and then go to the files box and on START.WAV). Don't forget to X the Enable Systems Sounds box, or non of your sounds will play.

For HeartF/X

To substitute the WAVs from SensuVoX for the ones used by HeartF/X, simply copy all of the WAVs from the SensuVox SPEECH sub directory to the HeartF/X SPEECH sub directory. You can attach other SensuVox WAVs to system events, dialogs, and icons by using the program's Sound option.

For IconHeart

To substitute the Clock and Card WAVs from SensuVoX for the ones in IconHeart, just copy the WAVs from the SensuVox TASOUNDS sub directory to the IconHeart TASOUNDS sub directory.

For Others

Any program that gives you the ability to insert WAV files into specific events or dialogs can utilize SensuVoX files, simply select a SensuVoX file for the desired action/event.

TastyBits

These bits can be used anywhere, some of them may serve well for Windows Start or Windows End. You may like a particular sigh instead of a sound effect for the Asterisk event. All TastyBits are in the TASTYBIT sub directory, they all have the prefix TSTBT, followed by the first initial of the vocalist and a the number of the TastyBit.

BMPs

The BMP for a particular vocalist will be found in the root SensuVoX sub directory. Any program capable of handling a bitmap image (like PaintBrush) will be able to display these. BMPs are only included with registered versions and not all vocalist have chosen to include one.

Vocalist Bios

If the vocalist included a bio or other credits, they can be found in the root SensuVoX sub directory. All Bios are in Write format. (Registered version only)

Appendix A

Speech List

The following list details the contents of a complete SensuVoX WAV set:

Numbers: (For Time)

AM	PM	the time is
one	two	three
four	five	six
seven	eight	nine
ten	eleven	twelve
twenty	thirty	forty
fifty	oh	o'clock

Windows Commands:

about	add	advanced
animateapplication	assign	
begin	browse	cancel
card file	change	clear
clock	close	command line
control panel	copy	copy disk
cursor	data	date and time
delete	document	draw
edit	end task	exit
file	files	find
help	insert	international
letters	mail	main
maximize	may I	media player
merge	minimize	make systems disk
moment	mouse	move
new	next	no
note pad	number	ok
open	overwrite	page
paint	paper	paragraph
pause	pen	pencil
picture	please	please wait
preview	previous	print
program	reminder	rename
replace	reset	restore
retry	run	save
save as	screen saver	search
select	send	set
settings	setup	size
solitaire	start	start up
test	thank you	thinking
time	type	unassign
view	wait	wallpaper
yes		

Cards:

of spades	of clubs	of diamonds
of hearts	ace	jack
queen	king	

TastyBits:

These are words and phrases made up by each vocalist for the SensuVox project. The number of TastyBits vary from person to person.

Appendix B

Auditioning

So, you want to be a SensuVoX vocalist? Believe me, it is not an easy task, you have to add emotion to a rather dry list of words. But, if you think you have what it takes, here is what to do and the rules:

1. All submissions must be on a audio cassette tape (micro, standard or DAT).
2. The quality of the recording is the most important decision maker in the process. For best results try use a recording studio (many college campus radio stations have these and will let you use them free of charge) or if you record at home, make sure you are in a quiet room and using a good quality recorder.
3. Remember to speak loudly enough, whispered commands may sound sexy, but they may not be able to be heard on the tape and will not convert well into WAVs.
4. Give a 2 second pause between each word/phrase.
5. Feel free to add additional phrases and words to the end of your tape for the TastyBits. The more sensual and realistic these are the better!
6. When submitting the tape, feel free to include a photo or scanned image of yourself for inclusion with your file. Please nothing too adult!
7. Each vocalist is also given a chance to "self promote" by having a bio and contact information included with their file, please include this on a disk -- not hand written or printed out.
8. If selected, you will be notified by mail prior to the next release of SensuVoX.

Rules:

1. All submissions become the property of Unicorn Software Limited, this is a fancy way of saying that we will not return any submission tapes, even if they are not used.
2. Any minor submitting an audition tape, must have a parental signature on the release.
3. All submissions MUST have a signed release form to be considered (see next page).

SensuVoX Vocalist Release

I _____ agree to let Unicorn Software Limited, hereafter referred to as USL, digitize and distribute my voice samplings with their product SensuVoX , herein after referred to as SVX.

I understand I will receive on disk a copy of my voice samplings for my own use and that no other financial remuneration will be received unless SVX is sold or licensed to another entity.

I understand USL will be distributing the full SVX package on a "cost basis" to interested parties. Further, I understand that USL will be using the Shareware method to distribute the sample package of SVX.

I agree that USL will not be held liable for any occurrences that result in the release of these samplings, either natural or unnatural and that USL will not act as my agent if there are inquires from outside individuals who may wish to hire me for vocal work.

I ___ do ___ do not want USL to refer inquires directly to me regarding other possible opportunities that may arise due to my vocalizations being included with SVX.

I ___ will ___ will not allow the use of my name and other information (as provided in an ASCII file on disk sent with this release) with SVX.

I ___ will ___ will not allow the use of my electronic image (i.e. GIF,BMP, etc) with SVX.

I will allow USL to copyright and be the copyright holder of these voice samplings, with all rights reserved.

I understand that this release will remain in effect as long as SVX is distributed by USL.

Signature

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President, Unicorn Software Limited

Date

Date

Appendix C

Vocalist List

Here is a quick listing of who said what in this sampler :

<u>Ciara</u>	<u>Sheree</u>	<u>Linda</u>	<u>Pete</u>	<u>Oceania</u>
Browse	Minimize	Start	OK	Please Wait
Help	Open	Insert	Delete	Maximize
Copy	Yes	Retry	Paragraph	Moment
Clock	Clear	Animate	Assign	International
Ace	Queen	King	Jack	Diamonds

Also, you have a WAV with each saying their own name. This listing was taken at random from the complete commands list (See Appendix A). When you order any vocalist you get the complete list plus any TastyBits they chose to include.

Appendix D

Technical Assistance & Latest Versions

Both registered and unregistered Users can obtain technical assistance by calling (816) 429-3558
NOTE: Unregistered Users will need to provide the name and address of where they obtained the software from in order to gain this assistance. This will let us go back to that company if they are distributing an older version and it helps us track who is distributing the program. The number is manned (by a human) from 6:00 to 9:00 PM CST, Sunday-Thursday.

Unicorn Software Support Conferences

The Kokomo BBS: 317-457-9100

The RoadHouse BBS: 317-784-2147 (FIDONET 1:231/290)

Both BBSs allow first time downloads and will always have the latest versions of Unicorn's software. Unicorn Software programs are available via "File Request" from The RoadHouse BBS (1:231/290). You can FREQ the magic name "UNICORN" from 1:231/290 for information on Unicorn Programs and their FREQable "magic" names.)

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RoadHouse BBS 317-784-2147 1:231/290 (Unicorn Support BBS) {9600 HST}

BIZyNet BBS 619-283-1721 1:202/1008 {9600}

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JAPCUG BBS 517-789-7556 {9600 HST}

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Law & Order BBS 517-263-0273 {9600}

>>In Canada KnightTec BBS 519-940-0007 {9600}<<

The Distribution BBSs will always have the latest versions within hours of release. Additionally, these BBSs have proven to be reliable and worth the cost of every minute of connect time. Even if you are not looking for our latest versions: Give Them A Call!

All of Unicorn's programs are also available through the Shareware Distribution Network (SDN), and may be downloaded from any SDN location.