

Director 4 Lingo Expo and Sample Titles

What is the Lingo Expo?

The Lingo Expo is a shell for viewing the Director sample titles and their Lingo scripts. The sample titles consist of the Kiosk, Simulation, and Storybook. The titles are not compiled into projectors so that you can open, play, and examine each title. The Lingo Expo is designed to run on a 640 x 480, 8-bit (256 color) display.

Before Opening the Lingo Expo or Individual Sample Title Movies

Set Director's "When Opening a Movie" preference to "Use Movie's Size/Location" for the movies to play properly. The preference is found in the Preferences dialog box in the File menu.

How to Use the Lingo Expo

Open the movie named "NAVIGATR.DIR" to open the Lingo Expo. Press Control-1 to hide the menu bar and then press Control-P to start the Lingo Expo movie. The movies in each folder can also be played without the navigator.

You then have the choice of playing one of the three titles or browsing using the Lingo Index. Click a title's button and use the rewind, stop and play button in the lower right corner to navigate through the title.

The Lingo Index provides an organized view of the Lingo code that makes up each sample title. Click the Lingo Index button to view a listing of Lingo topics. Click a topic name to view Lingo code from the sample titles relating to that topic.

Each index view contains code from one or several of the sample titles. The code view also contains a label of the source of the code listing. For instance, the label "Mech, 75" means that the subsequent code listing comes from cast member number 75 in the sample movie Mech. Use Director's Open command to open the title itself if you would like to copy or further view the scripts.

A hidden feature in the Luck portion of the Kiosk is the Tally Bid feature. Press the "=" key after entering several bids to see the names of the lucky auction winners.

Opening and Playing Individual Sample Titles

You can open each title individually. Again, set Director's preferences to "Use Movie's Size/Location" before opening each title.

Open the BEGIN.DIR movie to play the Kiosk title, the MECH.DIR movie to play the Simulation, or the NOH_TALE.DIR movie to play the Storybook. Then, use Director's play command to view the title. Each title also contains its own help screen(s) with further tips on how to use the title.

Known Bugs

The Storybook is designed to randomly branch in the middle to a second movie and then return to the middle of the main movie. When played in the Lingo Expo, a bug sometimes causes the second movie to return to the start of the Storybook main movie rather than the middle of the main movie. The Storybook plays properly when played individually and not in the Lingo Expo.