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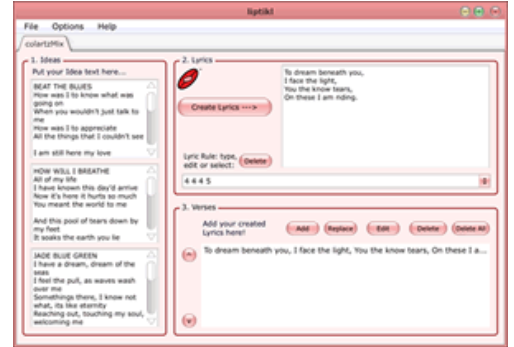
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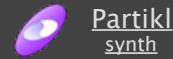
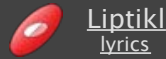
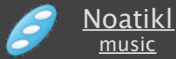
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Introduction

Liptikl is a powerful "ideas generator" and is a welcome addition to the creative writer's s armoury of tools. It can help you come up with new ideas for lyrics and poems or indeed any other area of creative writing. Try it and see!

Liptikl lets your computer create lyric ideas that are inspired by seed words and phrases that you give it.

Your job is to use the Liptikl user interface to guide Liptikl to finding interesting combinations of words which you can then use in real-world lyrics or poems.

Liptikl draws on the Zen koan tradition in that there seems no obvious way it generates its ideas, and it is pronounced "lip - tickle".

Liptikl is created by Pete Cole and Tim Cole, creators of the 2001 BAFTA-award winning SSEYO Koan Interactive Audio Platform, and the 2005 BAFTA-award winning SSEYO miniMIXA.



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You are in control...

When you ask Liptikl to generate a verse, Liptikl takes your inputs, and combines them according to its internal rule-base of how lyrics work. The resultant lyric can then be modified by you, tweaked and regenerated in whole or part.

You can use Liptikl to build-up entire generative lyrics, or simply as an idea generator when you get stuck. Use it to combine ideas from previous works; see what you can come-up with!

... but you can learn to delegate

There are many internal rules used to create lyrics within liptikl. When the Liptikl lyric engine is figuring-out what to do, it combines all these rules together in combination with your source material, and respects them as best it can, but ultimately Liptikl makes its own choice as to exactly what to do. In other words, you can give the engine brain lots of guidance, but ultimately (like a child) you let Liptikl makes the final, detailed decisions as to what to do.

The reason this all works, is that at its heart, the Liptikl lyric engine uses random events in combination with a powerful set of rules. How you interpret what you read is filtered through your own internal knowledge of language. This combination of chance and logic is what allows Liptikl to keep coming-up with ideas that are fresh, interesting and unpredictable.

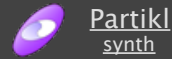
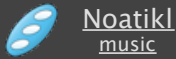
One of the things that a first user of Liptikl might find, is that delegating responsibility to a lyric engine feels like a weird thing to do!

However, give this a little time. Many, many users of our generative software have found that this process of learning to sit-back and delegate responsibility for small details to a generative engine is extremely liberating. You instead start to focus on other things, like tweaking the words used to generate the lyrics, trying different inputs maybe from the built-in thesaurus searching, or just sitting back and being entertained or baffled by what Liptikl creates, waiting for nuggets of beautiful ideas to appear when you least expect them. Yes, you can focus on details in Liptikl, but you can also take more of a view of a gardener's view to creating lyrics: casting word seeds on the ground, and selecting those ideas which blossom and discarding those that don't appeal.

Important:

We respect copyright and strongly encourage you to do the same. That means if you use Liptikl to come up with a lyric you like, make sure that it does not infringe the copyright of any of your source material. Liptikl is pretty good at "shuffling words", but it is just a tool for you to use to generate ideas. It is ultimately your responsibility to make sure you are not infringing anyone elses copyright.





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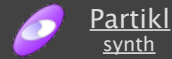
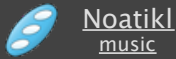
Installing Liptikl on Windows:

1. Save the liptikl_win32.zip file to your Windows desktop
2. Use Windows Explorer to look inside the file (or use a tool like WinZip).
3. Run the liptikl_win32_setup.exe file, and complete the installation!

Installing Noatikl on Mac OS X:

1. Save the liptikl_mac_dmg.zip file to your Mac desktop
2. Double click on it, creating a **Intermorphic - liptikl.dmg** icon.
3. Double click on that; opens a folder containing 1 icon.
4. Double click on the icon; this opens a folder containing an icon for the Liptikl installer – run that file to complete the installation!
5. You'll find the Liptikl application in your Applications folder under Finder; if you want to make it as easy to find as possible, you can drag it direct to your Dock for future easy access!





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Product Key

When you first run Liptikl, you'll get reminders to enter your product key. After using Liptikl for a number of days, the evaluation period will expire. From that point onwards, you'll have to buy a key from Intermorphic in order to continue using liptikl.

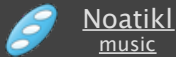
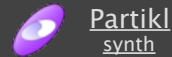
Once you've received your Liptikl product key, you must select Help -> Liptikl Product Key, and enter your details into the three fields. Press the appropriate key to check and confirm your details!

When you buy your key, you might be sent a "keep you going" key that you can enter immediately while we check your details. This key will keep Liptikl running for a few more days. Be sure to enter the full product key when you receive it, in order to keep using liptikl.

License discussion - dual use

As many people use both a Mac and a Windows machine in their home studio, we allow you to install Liptikl on two machines (which could be running different operating system versions) but you are only allowed to use Liptikl on one machine at a time. You must make sure you understand the [End User License agreement](#) and how it allows you to use your license.



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Here is some general background on how to go about using Liptikl to create lyrics.

To create a lyric, simply type in some rough fragments of song lyrics or other source text, paste in some other media, and type in a few more words that you like. This is like taking some good basic ingredients, and throwing them in the mixing bowl.

Then press generate a few times. You'll like some of the word combinations it throws together (remembering Liptikl tries to rhyme where it can); lock those words in place, and keep going a few more times; locking or unlocking as you see stuff you like.

Then you could change some words by hand, look up a couple via the thesaurus, paste them in to the source, run a few more times and **blam** there you have it. If you're lucky. Hopefully this will take only 4 or 5 minutes to come-up with a useful verse, without much thought; but of course we're used to using the tool, which helps!

The key thing with Liptikl is to involve yourself in the decision making, acting like a gardener, weeding-out the bits you don't like and tidying-up the bits you do.

So: start with good source words. Keep generating quickly until you see **something** pop-out you like. Lock-down the bits you do. Keep generating. Don't be afraid to direct edit what you see what you realise your own words can help – and **lock**-down your direct edits. Keep generating. And don't forget you can **unlock** bits you're no longer happy with, to release Liptikl to create more ideas for you.

Pete's Example

Good examples (that work for me!) are things like film titles, or phrases I like from a movie or book, and I also often just type in words that come to my head that presumably have just been floating under my sub-consciousness. If I'm listening to music (which I often am!) I'll type-in some mis-remembered lyrics from the artist. Or just do a grab from google searching for a few words. I don't spend more than a few minutes pulling ideas together. I guess other people might start from some lyrics they've been working on as a starter point. I'm no good at that, so start from a clean slate!

Pressing generate a few times gives me ideas. Here's an example of how to generate some ideas. I typed-in the above paragraph of instructions, pressed generate, and got:

```
often floating my I'm,  
me! people or Good,  
examples good have than,  
grab lyrics which type.
```

I instantly saw a pattern in there, and changed the top two lines (left the second two as they are):

```
I'm often floating on my own  
good people pass me by,  
examples good have than,  
grab lyrics which type.
```

And locked-down every word in the top two lines.

I pressed generate a couple of times, realised I didn't have anything that rhymed with by! So, added a few words: try/deny/sky/fly cry. After a couple of presses I generated the following:

```
I'm often floating on my own,  
good people pass me by,  
sub-consciousness floating starter to,  
I that guess try.
```

Changed 3rd line by hand to this below (and locked the 3rd line, and the final word in the 4th line):

```
I'm often floating on my own,  
good people pass me by,  
Feel my sub-consciousness caving-in,  
I that guess cry.
```

Generated a couple of times, realised I wanted a final longer line, updated rule from 6 5 4 4 to 6 5 4 6, generated a couple more times,

```
I'm often floating on my own,  
good people pass me by,  
Feel my sub-consciousness caving-in,  
my that listening try I cry.
```

And thought... aha! And modified the final line by hand to get my lyric:

```
I'm often floating on my own,  
good people pass me by,  
Feel my sub-consciousness caving-in,  
Their listening makes me cry.
```

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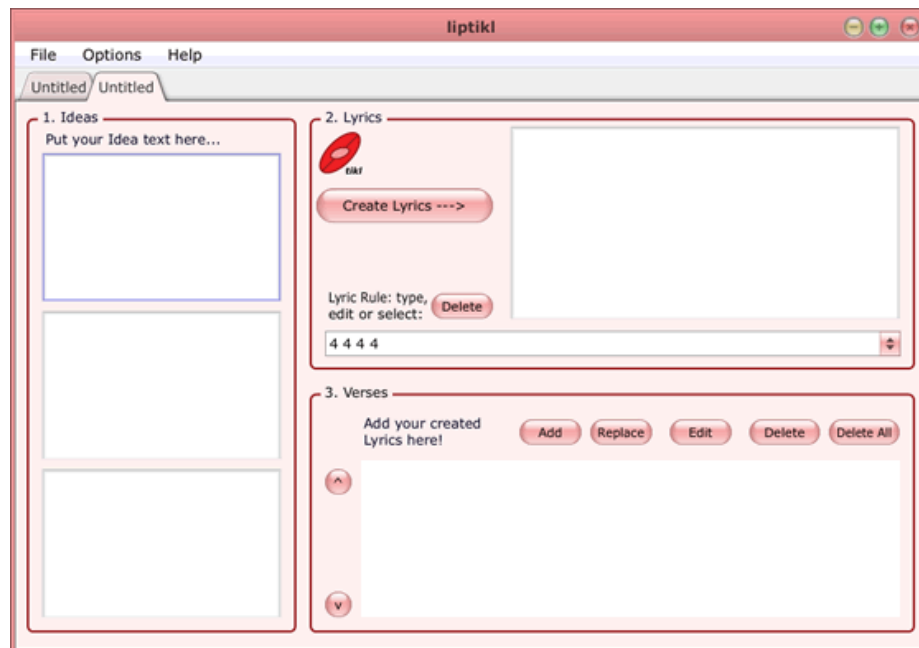
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Starting afresh

From the Liptikl menu, select File -> New.

This presents you with a window, containing various buttons, lists and text boxes.

Working your way around the user interface, you'll see that there are various numbered areas. In general, you put your data in to the numbered areas in order, and work your way through from lowest number to highest. Once you reach the end, you have some lyrics!



1 - Ideas

Liptikl generates real lyrics, by examining text in the three text fields in the Ideas section, and generating lyrics in response to the generate button. It mashes together words from each of the ideas boxes to come up with its suggestions.

Tip: The more interesting the source material you use in your ideas boxes, the more interesting the lyric suggestions generated! You can think of your favourite source materials like spices or ingredients, and then build up a collection of your favourites to add when you want. You can then add as little or as much as you like!

So, start by putting some ideas into any or all of the three fields.

You can type the data in directly, or paste-in some text from any source. There are also various other options you can use, which are on a pop-up menu that you can get at either by either right clicking (Windows) or control clicking (Mac).

Once you have some ideas in, move on to the Lyrics area!

2 - Lyrics

The first thing to do here is probably just to click on the Create Lyrics button

You'll see the first verse of your lyric appear in the text box next to it (provided you have first added some words to at least one of the ideas text boxes). You might, or might not, like what you see, but you're just starting to play with Liptikl, and there's no telling what you might come up with! Press Create Lyrics a few more times if you want!

The Lyric Rule combo box lets you change the rules used to create your lyrics. The rule consists of a series of

numbers. Each number stands for the number of words to put in each line of the lyric. Each number stands for one line of text. For example, the number 3 4 5 6 would be four lines (as there are four numbers!). The first line would have three words, the second would have 4 words, the third would have five words, and the fourth would have six words.

You can easily create and use any rule you want, just type a new rule into the Lyric Rule combo box, press the Create Lyrics button, and see what happens!

3 - Verses

The Verses area contains the verses of your lyric.

Assuming you come-up with a verse you like, press the Add button to have it appear in your verses list. Add as many verses as you want!

Alternatively, you can press the Replace button if you want to copy-down the lyric from above to replace the currently selected verse in the list.

You can press the Up and Down arrow buttons to move your verses up and down in the list.

You can also delete your verses with the Delete and Delete All buttons.

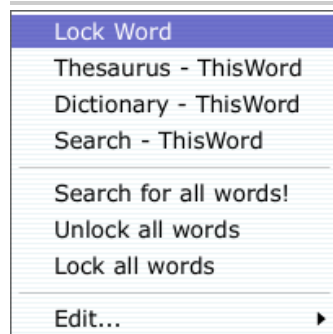
Finally, press the Edit button to copy your currently selected list item up to the Lyric area where you can do some more work on it!

Lyric options

One of the wonderful things about Liptikl is that you have a lot of options to help you work creatively with your text.

To access these options, you need to access a pop-up menu that you can get at either by either right clicking (Windows) or control clicking (Mac) on the Lyric editor.

Click on a word:



Lock Word

Prevents the clicked word in the lyric from being changed when you next click on the Generate Lyrics button.

Unlock Word

Allows the clicked word in the lyric to be changed when you next click on the Generate Lyrics button.

Thesaurus

Search via a thesaurus engine for the selected word (e.g. "ThisWord" in the screenshot above)! Selecting this option launches your web browser to display a webpage with a "Go" button. Pressing that button automatically loads a webpage that uses your selected word.

Note: if you select any of the "other thesaurus sites" listed below the Go button, which are there for your easy reference, then these do not automatically work with your selected word.

Dictionary

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Search for all words

Search via a search engine for all the words in the lyrics, in a similar way to search above.

Unlock all words

Allows all words in the lyric to be changed when you next click on the Generate Lyrics button.

Lock all words

Prevents all words in the lyric from being changed when you next click on the Generate Lyrics button.

Edit...

Selecting this presents the following options for copy/paste etc.



The Ideas and Lyrics text boxes in Liptikl are editable, which means you can move words around by cutting and pasting, or even edit or manually add in new words. It is very useful to be able to do this, as words you want to use may appear, but not in the position you want them to – so you simply move them!



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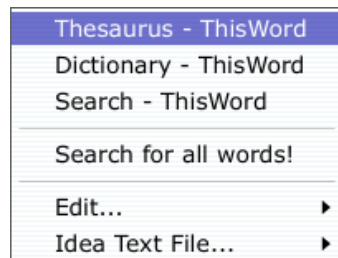
One of the wonderful things about Liptikl is that you also have a lot of options to help you work creatively with your "source text".

To access these options, you need to access a pop-up menu that you can get at either by either right clicking (Windows) or control clicking (Mac) on one of the Text fields in the Ideas area, or a word in this area.

Tip: Why not try using text from some current news items in the ideas box – that way you can make sure you use words that are current, and some interesting themes can seemingly come out of nothing!

Tip: Liptikl has a better chance at shuffling the more words are in your source content. Obviously, if your source content is only one word, then Liptikl can only choose one word! So make sure you give Liptikl lots of different words to choose from.

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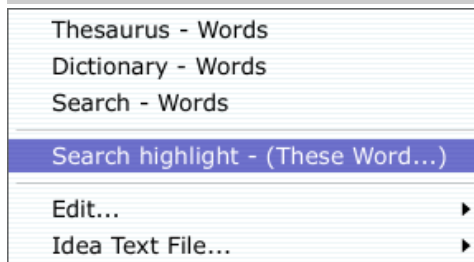
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Search highlight



You will see this if you select a number of words (by dragging the mouse over the words whilst holding the left mouse button down). Search via a search engine for all the words in the lyrics, in a similar way to search above.

Idea text file...

Presents Open (which allows you to open a text file and load the data in that file into your text field), and Save (which allows you to save your text field to a text file).

Click on the background:

Edit...

Various options for copy/paste etc. as outlined above.

Idea text file...

Presents Open (which allows you to open a text file and load the data in that file into your text field), and Save (which allows you to save your text field to a text file).



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Saving, Import & Export

You can save your Liptikl session to a file with a .Liptikl file extension, through the File menu Save or Save As options.

You can import a pre-existing lyric into Liptikl from a text file, with a .txt file extension, through the File menu Export option. Note that the Import option requires each of your verses to be separated by at least one blank line. If you try to import a large file, Liptikl might take a very long time to respond as it analyses the file; please be patient! If you have a file in some format that is specific to a word-processor application, then you'll first have to save the lyric as a text file before trying to import it into liptikl.

Once you've come up with a lyrical idea that you're happy with, you can export your generated lyrics to a text file, with a .txt file extension, through the File menu Export option. You can then edit the file with your favourite word processor application!



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