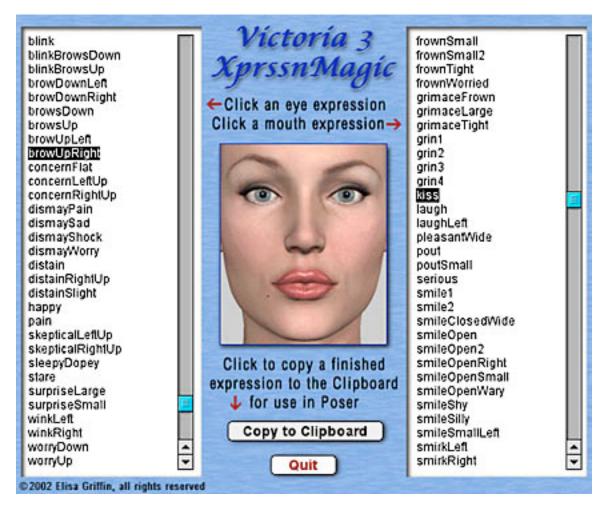
Victoria3XprssnMagic

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Welcome to Victoria3XprssnMagic!*

This program is a free-standing application. To use the expression information you must own the Victoria 3 figure available at: daz3d.com

Victoria3XprssnMagic lets you copy into Poser or DAZ Studio the morph dial settings from any combination of the 41 eye and 60 mouth poses. Existing face-shaping dial settings on the figure will not be overwritten by these expression settings.



* This Adobe Acrobat file is easier to read on-screen if you select "Continuous" from the View menu above. Also turn on "Show Bookmarks" in the Windows menu, so you can quickly jump to a topic.

Installing the Files

This product comes in **three versions**: a free-standing version for PCs (V3XprssnMagicPC), another for Macs (V3XprssnMagicMac), and a third version (V3XprssnMagicShockwave.html) which can be run in any web browser that has the free Adobe Shockwave plug-in installed.

Place your preferred **V3XprssnMagic** file anywhere you find convenient (some PC configurations will not let an application execute in certain locations or external drives (see the <u>File List</u> at the end of this guide, if you have difficulties).

Note that the <u>V3XprssnMagicShockwave</u>.html and the .dcr file must be kept together in the same location (the .dcr can only be run by the .html web browser file) and you must not rename the .dcr file, or the .html file will not be able to find and launch it.

For DAZ Studio users, there is the included <u>XprssnMagic Importer 4 script</u>, which enables pasting XprssnMagic morph dial combination settings to a Victoria 3 figure. Place the script in your DAZ Studio My Library's Script folder.

Preparing the Victoria 3 Figure

Because it takes advantage of injection morph technology, Victoria 3 does not need to have all its morphs loaded into the figure at once. In order to use Victoria3XprssnMagic, you must have "injected" the standard expression morphs into your Victoria 3 figure with the appropriate pose file. (All the 41 necessary morphs come with the basic Victoria 3 figure.)

To load the expression morphs:

- · select the Victoria 3 figure's head
- apply from the Poser library: Pose | !V3 All Morphs INJ | All Expressions
- after the expression dials appear, you can use Victoria3XprssnMagic

Note: The expression morphs can be removed from the figure with the Poser library: Pose | !V3 All Morphs REM | All Expressions

Using Victoria3XprssnMagic

Launch the program by double-clicking on the Victoria3XprssnMagic icon.

1. Click one of the eye xprssns on the scrolling list at the left. The top half of the preview face frame in the center will show your chosen eye pose.

- 2. Click one of the mouth xprssns on the scrolling list at the right. The bottom half of the preview face frame will show the mouth pose.
- 3. When you get a combined xprssn that you want to transfer into Poser, press the "Copy to Clipboard" button.

Copy to Clipboard

Using with Poser

- Launch Poser. (If for some reason you can't run both programs at the same time, just close V3XprssnMagic; the copied information will remain in the Clipboard.)
- 2. In Poser, load a Victoria 3 figure and select the head.
- 3. Select **Edit** | **Paste** from the menu (or use the keyboard paste command Control-V) to set the morph dials that will create your chosen expression.
- 4. If the new xprssn combo does not appear, click on another body part, then back to the head, to force the screen to redraw some versions of Poser can be quirky about refreshing the screen properly.
- You can now fine-tune the dial settings, if you want to adjust the expression. This may be necessary when the figure's face has been significantly morphed.

Using with DAZ Studio

XprssnMagics work by copying to your computer's **system clipboard** the dial settings for the selected eye-mouth combos. Unlike Poser, DAZ Studio does not let you paste system clipboard data directly to a figure. However, you can do so by way of the included script **XprssnMagic Importer 4** (See DAZ Studio script).

- 1. Follow the script's installation directions.
- In XprssnMagic, select an eye-mouth combo, click the "Copy to Clipboard" button.
- 3. In DAZ Studio select the **head** of a Victoria 3 figure.
- 4. Run the XprssnMagic Importer 4 **script**, which will bring up a window.
- 5. Click inside the script window and paste.
- 6. Click the "Apply" button. The window will close and the xprssn will be applied.

Shockwave Version

To use the Adobe Shockwave version, open in your web browser the file V3XprssnMagicShockwave.html. It and the dependent file V3XprssnMagicShockwave.dcr must be in the *same* location (anywhere convenient) and you must not rename the .dcr file, or the .html file will not be able to find and launch it.

Use the Shockwave version with DAZ Studio or Poser as instructed above.

You must have a current version of **Adobe Shockwave Player** (not to be confused with the Adobe Flash Player) installed in your web browser.

If needed, use this link to get the Shockwave Player (or go to adobe.com and search for "Shockwave") Follow directions to download and install the appropriate player for your operating system and browser(s):

http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download

The "Neutral" vs. "NoChange" Poses

At the top of the eye and mouth pose lists are both a neutral pose, which sets all that list's expression morph dials to zero, and a no change pose, which does not copy settings for that list's expression dials. Together, they give you greater control of Victoria 3's expression morphs.

- The **eyesNeutral** pose allows you to zero any eye expression settings on the figure, independent of your choice on the mouth expressions list.
- The **eyesNoChange** pose leaves an existing eye expression unchanged, while allowing you to set a new expression for just the figure's mouth.
- The **mouthNeutral** pose allows you to zero any mouth expression settings on the figure, independent of your choice on the eye expressions list.
- The mouthNoChange pose leaves an existing mouth expression unchanged, while allowing you to set a new expression for just the figure's eyes.

Why So Many Combinations?

We humans are sensitive to extremely subtle differences in expressions, conveying a wide range of emotions. Simply setting a smile morph on the mouth of figure, for example, usually does not give a believable, realistic smile. In fact, a smile without even the smallest change in eye expression gives us the feeling that the character's response lacks warmth and authenticity (which may occasionally be the effect you're after).

Seldom are our expressions perfectly symmetrical on the right and left sides, and the asymmetry of these poses can also convey emotional subtleties.

By having many variations available you can create an expression that fits a particular situation. You also can avoid using the same stock expression on all the characters in a scene or on one figure in a series of images or an animation. Also, one variation of an expression may look better from a particular angle than another.

In addition, although the expressions are previewed on the basic Victoria 3 face, they have been developed for use with the many face shapes that can be created with the Victoria 3 figure. You will find that some variations are more effective on a particular character than others (especially on heavily-morphed mouths).

You may have to experiment to find the expression that sets the mood you want for your character. Of course, you can further adjust the expression in Poser and save it in the library for future use (see the following section).

The Names Are Guides Only

Don't rely too much on the eye and mouth names when creating your expressions. Sometimes we convey complex or conflicted emotional messages by "mismatching" expressions on the upper and lower halves of our faces.

You will find that using a "smile" mouth xprssn will give your characters a very different mood when teamed with an "angry", "dismay" or "suspicious" eye setting than it does when used with a "happy" or "stare" one. A silly smile can turn sinister when paired with a particular eye pose.

Victoria3XprssnMagic Morph Dials

The following dials are used by Victoria3XprssnMagic. The names are those on the morph dials, not the internal names used by XprssnMagic.

When you apply an expression to a Victoria3 figure, any existing settings for these dials will be overwritten. Any dials not listed will be unchanged.

Eye Expressions Mouth O Blink Left Mouth SH Blink Right Mouth TH BrowArchL Mouth U BrowArchR Tongue L Tongue T BrowDownL BrowDownR MouthDisgust BrowFrownL MouthSing BrowFrownR MouthSpeak BrowWorryL MouthYell BrowWorryR **OpenLips** BrowUpL OpenLips2 BrowUpR OpenMouth

PartLips Smile1

Mouth Expressions Smile1 Frown Smile2 Frown Left SmileLeft Frown Right SmileOpen **SmileRight** Mouth A Mouth CH Snarl Mouth F SnarlLeft Mouth M SnarlRight

Character Faces

No face-shaping morph settings are used in the XprssnMagic xprssns. However if a character face has been created that includes any of the morphs on the preceding list, any xprssn that also uses the same morph(s) will overwrite part of the character face setting. To prevent this, you can spawn a morph from the character dial settings, set it to 1, and then apply the xprssn.

Pose Interference

Be aware that some careless creators of body or face-shaping poses include all the head morphs in their poses, even when the expression morphs are set to zero. Using such a pose will overwrite a V3XprssnMagic xprssn you have previously applied to your figure. If you find this happening, first apply the body pose and then the V3XprssnMagic xprssn (which does not affect any head position settings or the morph dial settings of other body parts).

DAZ Studio Script

To use V3XprssnMagic in DAZ Studio you must use the script **XprssnMagic Importer 4**, included in this product's file downloads.

The first version of this script for DAZ Studio 2 was written and shared by **Guandalug la'Fay** in 2007. It has been updated and adapted for DAZ Studio 4 by **Richard Hazeltine**. Many thanks to both for their generosity to our community.

File List

Most users can place these files anywhere convenient: V3XprssnMagicPC (free-standing PC application). V3XprssnMagicMac (free-standing Mac application). V3XprssnMagicGuide.pdf (this Adobe Acrobat user guide)

The files for the Shockwave version can also be placed anywhere, but they must be located *together*:

V3XprssnMagicShockwave.html (to be opened in a web browser) V3XprssnMagicShockwave.dcr (runs within the .html file)

For DAZ Studio - place this script in your DAZ Studio Library's Script folder: **XprssnMagic Importer 4** (run in DAZ Studio to import xprssn settings)

Thank you for purchasing V3XprssnMagic!

At <u>daz3d.com</u> you will find XprssnMagics for other Generation 3, Generation 4, Genesis and Genesis 2 figures, as well as V4FaceMagic and V4A4HipHopMagic. Elisa Griffin / gryffnn