Liza (Viewer)



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INTRODUCTION

Liza Audio is a simple, freely available, Windows tool for reviewing sound simulations (auralizations).

You need to have a suitable 'Share Token' in order to be able to access an audio project.

Typically, the 'Share Token' will be sent to you by a collaborator.

INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE

The software is installed via the Microsoft Store as follows:

- 1. Click the Start button: Located in the bottom left corner of your screen.
- 2. Type "Microsoft Store": As you type, a search box will appear, and the Microsoft Store app should be listed among the search results.
- 3. Type "LizaAudio" in the search box at the top of the Microsoft Store window.
- 4. Click on the software and then on the "Get" button to install it.

Alternatively, the following link will take you straight to the app listing on Microsoft Store. https://apps.microsoft.com/detail/9NNNDGF3VKF2?hl=en-us&gl=GB&ocid=pdpshare

You can also find a link to the software on the L90 website. https://l90.uk/

ACCESSING AN AUDIO PROJECT

On the opening screen:

- 1. Enter you 'Share Token' in the box.
- 2. Click on the 'Login' button.

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	Exit			

If the share token is valid, this will take you to the following screen. To access the audio project:

- 1. Enter your email address.
- 2. Click on the 'View Project' button.

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	Please confirm your email address.			
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	View Project 2			
	Exit			

INTERACTING WITH THE AUDIO PROJECT

The Liza Viewer project window has three key areas (see image below):

- Scenario Panel
- Scenario Picture
- Menu Panel



Scenario Panel

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This contains a list of all the scenarios within the project. There may be between 2 and 8 scenarios depending on the project. Each scenario has a short text description. Click on a scenario to select it.

The currently selected scenario will be highlighted yellow. When you select a scenario, the Scenario Picture will update to show the picture associated with the selected scenario. The audio will also change to that associated with the selected scenario. You can only select one scenario at a time. By clicking between the scenarios, it is possible to make an audio comparison between them.

Scenario Picture

This shows the image that is associated with the currently selected scenario. The currently selected scenario will be highlighted yellow in the Scenario Panel.

Menu Panel

This contains three panels. The top panel displays the name of the open project. The middle panel is a help button that links to these instructions. The bottom panel is the Exit button that can be used to quit the application.

REPORTING CONCERNS REGARDING CONTENT

Note that Liza Viewer (Liza Audio) is a platform for interacting with content shared by other users. It is generally recommended not to open any projects that have not been shared directly with you by a known contact or have come from another reputable source.

In the event that the content is inappropriate or unsuitable, the first step should be to contact the person who sent you the 'Share Token'. You can also contact the software administrators via <u>L90-comms@outlook.com</u> to report concerns regarding content. The software administrators do not take any responsibility for material shared by others but undertake to remove inappropriate contents swiftly if it is brought to their attention.

USE OF EMAIL ADDRESSES

Email addresses are used only for the purpose of identifying unique users and avoiding the proliferation of fake accounts. The software administrators will only contact users to communicate important information about their account and emails will not be used for marketing purposes. Emails, or other account information, will never be shared with third parties.

DISCLAIMER & RESTRICTIONS ON USAGE

The author has exercised reasonable care that the tool works correctly and to describe, in this document, the underlying assumptions and limitations. The user bears any risk arising from the use of the tool. No restrictions are placed on the use of this tool other than the request that its use is appropriately credited.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT AUDIO OUTPUT

It is possible under some circumstances that the software will not send sound output to the correct audio device by default when it opens. For example, I have experienced this issue when using some USB headphones.

The workaround for this is as follows:

- Navigate to Windows Settings > System > Sound
- Switch between audio output devices (if it is already set to the one you want, then switch away to another one and then back again).
- Go back to the Liza Viewer window and the sound should be working correctly.

Alternatively:

• If the issue was that sound was not coming over headphones, then unplugging and re-plugging them will often solve the issue.

FAQs

What do I do if I don't have a 'Share Token'?

You cannot view an audio project unless you have a suitable 'Share Token'. If you have been requested to review an audio project but not been provided with a token, please contact the person from whom the request was received.

Why is my 'Share Token' not recognised?

Is your internet connection active? Might you have mistyped your 'Share Token'? Check with the person that sent you the 'Share Token' that they have not mistyped it or taken down the shared project. If all else fails, contact the software administrators at <u>L90-comms@outlook.com</u>.

Why can't I hear any Audio?

Is your computer volume turned muted? Is the audio being directed to the correct audio device? Refer to the section titled "Important Note about Audio Output". Are you sure that the project has audio associated with all of the scenarios? Discuss with the person who shared the project with you what you should expect to hear.

I can only review a project but can't edit it. How can I edit a project or create my own project? Projects are created using a separate application called Liza Editor. This is freely available via the L90 website. <u>https://l90.uk/</u>.

What should I do if I have concerns regarding the Content that has been shared with me? Close the project. Contact the person who shared the project with you and bring the issue to their attention. If necessary, report concerns to the software administrators via <u>L90-comms@outlook.com</u>.