

“So, you have publicly thanked Gigantic Business for providing the capability to use the localizable sentences that you have encoded.” says the Managing Director after finishing his telephone call.

“Yes.” says Edith.

“You are now in a lot of trouble for making a false claim like that.”

“Not at all and the statement is not false, Gigantic Business has provided the capability to use the localizable sentences that we have encoded and we are grateful.”

“But we haven’t, that’s the problem with your claim.”

“But you have and I can provide you with a demonstration.”

“I am not interested in going anywhere to watch some demonstration that you have cooked up.”

“The demonstration can be here, now.”

“I don’t know what your game is, but we are going now.” says the Managing Director, starting to stand, turning to the Legal Manager as an indication to leave.

“Err ... um” says the Legal Manager somewhat hesitantly.

“What, do you think we should stay?”

“Well, if there is a demonstration available here and now it might be as well to see what is being offered.”

“Very well, what’s the point of bringing a lawyer and then not following his advice.”

“Excuse me.” says Edith as she stands and then walks to the door and opens it.

“Come in please.” says Edith: Caroline and John enter the room, Caroline carrying the pink Locomotive device and John carrying the yellow Locomotive device.

“Please proceed with the demonstration.” says Edith.

John then begins the demonstration using the yellow Locomotive device, explaining how to load sentences from the LocSARA webspace as he proceeds, from time to time showing the screen to the two gentlemen from Gigantic Business.

The Managing Director watches with concentration, though looking rather sceptical.

John composes a simple message using a localizable sentence.

John sends the message from the yellow Locomotive device to the pink Locomotive device.

Caroline then explains what is happening, that the message is localized into French on the pink Locomotive device, showing the screen to the two gentlemen from Gigantic Business.

There is a pause.

“How do I know that this so-called demonstration is not some sort of clever trick? I know, I have two Locomotive devices in my bag, let there be a demonstration using them and without you touching them, you tell me how to do it and I'll press the buttons.”

“Very well.” says John.

The Managing Director gets two Locomotive devices from his briefcase, one is a golden case device and one is a silver case device, though plastic cases, not actually metal.

The Managing Director switches on the golden device.

“Now, what do I do next?” asks the Managing Director.

“Please select Add more Sentences.” says John.

“Right, now what?”

“Where it says ‘Do you want to connect to the InterJollies website?’ please select No.”

“There isn't a No, it is Yes or Cancel.”

John looks at the screen.

The Managing Director selects Cancel.

“There, I selected Cancel and I get back to the main screen.”

A pause.

Edith is rather concerned about this development.

“May I ask please,” asks Edith “as that is a golden Locomotive device and golden is not one of the available colours whether that device is a production model or an earlier model at the development stage?”

“Well,” says the Managing Director, “it is not a production model it is one of the development devices that was produced that the board could consider when deciding whether to authorize production.”

“Ah,” says John “what version of the software is it running please?”

The Managing Director selects About, looks at the screen and then replies “1.0.7”.

“The production devices have version 1.0.9 in them.” says John.

“Well, at the meeting we asked that a facility to automatically update the software be added and that was done and, well, we only tested that part when we were shown a device with the later version. So this version 1.0.7 device cannot automatically update to a later version of the software, nor in fact update at all even manually. It can change from one language to another by accessing our website but that is a different sort of thing from being able to update the software.”

“If I may,” says the Legal Manager “at the time of the press conference you issued me with a production model, a pale blue version, you could try with that if you like.”

“Right, thank you.” as he picks up the pale blue Locomotive device that the Legal Manager has placed on the table.

“Now, can you go through that again please.” says the Managing Director to John.

“Yes, certainly.” says John as he guides the Managing Director through the sequence of moves necessary to add sentences from the LocSARA webspace.

“Now what?” asks the Managing Director.

“Now, start a message”

“Yes” says the Managing Director as he starts a message.

“Now choose Add a sentence, and select one of the categories from the menu, one of those that are not in the InterJollies repertoire please.”

“Yes”

“Now select a sentence from the list.”

“Yes now what?”

“Well, the message shows the sentence in English in dark green, just the way that an InterJolly would be displayed.”

“Indeed it does. I am amazed, but you are right and you have not touched this device.”

“If you wish you could add ordinary text and other sentences, both InterJollies and LocSARA sentences.”

“Yes, right, let’s try that.”

The Managing Director then adds two InterJollies and another LocSARA sentence and some ordinary text.

“It doesn’t make much sense as a message, but it is just a test of the concept, so it will do.” says the Managing Director.

He continues “So where can I send it I’ll send it to the golden device and see what happens.”

John realizes that this will not display the LocSARA sentences properly, but says nothing.

“Ah,” says the Managing Director “much as I thought, but not quite, the InterJollies have come through in English, having been encoded for transmission and then decoded, even though it is back to the original language, but I know that that has worked and I thought that I might see the way you have encoded your sentences, but I just get a sequence of portrait-format black rectangles, four in one case and six in the other case. So you’ve used some characters that do not have a glyph in the font that is in the device. What are they please?”

“The first one in each sequence is an integral sign and then the rest are each a circled digit.” replies John.

“Yes, characters that do not each have a glyph in our font, but not to bother, that can be fixed in a software update and anyway it does not matter as in normal use one would not see the coded version anyway.”

There is a pause.

The Managing Director looks at the Legal Manager and then turns to look at Edith and says “We are having a public launch of the Locomotive Device next week, buyers from the big stores and so on as well as the press. Would the three of you be willing to be there so as to present an amiable united front? That should put an end to any aggravation resulting from the newspaper article.”

Edith glances at John who says “Yes.” and then at Caroline who says “Yes ma’am.”

Edith speaks “Yes, certainly, the three of us are pleased to attend.”