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It's As If You Were On Your Phone is a bizarre new introspective desktop mobile release

Coming full circle

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It's As If You Were On Your Phone is a new release from prolific solo dev Pippin Barr

It sees you pretending to be on your phone, making gestures and completing prompts

Barr is intending to offer a thought-provoking look at a near future where the pressure to conform is absolute

If there's anyone who you could call a bonafide underground video game celeb, it's developer [Pippin Barr](#). Creating dozens of releases over the years, he's aimed to provide thought-provoking, distinct and just plain *weird* things for us to play. But his latest release [It's As If You Were On Your Phone](#) may just be the strangest yet.

So, what's IAIYWOYP all about? Well... bizarrely it's about playing on your phone while pretending *not* to be on it. Let me explain; IAIYWOYP is set in the not-too-distant future where the pressure to be on your phone but *not* on it is constant. So what's the workaround? Completing the prompts and acting as if you were on your phone.

It's a suitable strange and surreal set-up for anything, let alone something on mobile itself. As an actual gameplay experience, I'm not sure there's

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that it's inherently meant to just be about following prompts, I don't know how much beyond that it can really offer.

But at the same time, this *is* Pippin Barr we're talking about, and their previous releases have been worth trying for the experience alone if nothing else. So maybe give IAIYWOYP a shot, and wonder what it's trying to say, and what it might say about *you*?

But if you're looking for something a tad more traditional you can always dig into our list of [the top five new mobile games to try this week](#).



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