

aphAc2Vb

version 1.0

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Program Description

aphAc2Vb is a Microsoft Access 2.0 add-in that aids in converting Access forms into Microsoft Visual Basic 3.0 forms. This program handles the tedious parts of the conversion process, leaving only clean-up work to be done by the developer. The program is completely customizable in order to take advantage of third-party controls and their properties that are offered for Visual Basic.

Registering aphAc2Vb

Registering aphAc2Vb has the following benefits:

- 1) registered users who make significant and original suggestions for improvements (based on quality, not quantity) will receive the next version of this program free;
- 2) registered users receive notices and special prices on upgrades to this program;
- 3) registered users will receive special prices on other aphEnterprises' products.

Register by pressing the Register button on the About form. The registration form will be printed.

Installation

Install aphAc2Vb by using the Add-In Manager found in the File menu, Add-Ins submenu. The program installs itself onto this submenu and will be available whenever a database is loaded.

Running aphAc2Vb

In Access, open the database that contains the form to be converted. Start aphAc2Vb by choosing it from the Add-Ins submenu.

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| In aphAc2Vb: | 1) Select the form you want to convert. |
| | 2) Choose the VB form name (*.frm) and press Convert |
| In Visual Basic: | 3) Add the file to your project using Add File ... from the File menu. |

Note: Visual Basic will warn you if there are problems while loading the form. It might also generate an error log file. This file will show you which properties had errors.

Known limitations

- 1) This program does not map Access option groups to VB option groups. In VB, controls will have to be cut and pasted into the frame that defines the option group.
- 2) The font sizes for Access controls do not map as would be expected in VB.
- 3) This program makes NO attempt to modify CBF !

Customize

- Improper use of the Customize feature could result in errors!
- I do not recommend removing properties that are already assigned. Some properties have been specially added and, if removed, can not be reassigned (i.e.: a form's height and backcolor.)
- You have the option of assigning Access properties to VB properties with different names. This is designed to eliminate the inconsistencies in property names between Access and VB. Use it only for simple assignments, such that Access property value = VB property value. No data massaging will be done on new assignments unless code already exists for that property.
- You can map Access controls to different VB controls to accomodate third-party add-ins.

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