Aivosto

General Registration Information

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This document contains general information on registering a couple of shareware Visual Basic tools. Please read this carefully if you are planning to register any of the following programs:

* **Project Analyzer + add-ins**
* **DBtoVB Wizard**
* **DB Structure**
* **DB Lock**
* **InputBox**

These programs were written by Tuomas Salste. They are being distributed as shareware by Aivosto Oy, a software company, located in Helsinki, Finland.

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Payment Method

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There are various payment methods for paying the registration fee.

1. Cash ($, £, DM, mk, kr + most other currencies)
2. SWIFT (international bank transfer)
3. Bank transfer (Finland only)
4. U.S. check or Money Order
5. Credit card (VISA, Master Card, American Express, Diners Club and Discover)
6. First Virtual (payment system on the Internet using your credit card)
7. Invoice

The methods vary by risk, cost, currency, and time.
  If you use any of methods 1-3 you can send the registration fee directly to Aivosto Oy.
  If you use any of methods 4-7 you will send the registration fee to a payment processing service called **Kagi**. This is an easy way to register if you want to use one of methods 4-7. See below.

Description of each method is below.

1. Cash

Cash is the cheapest way to pay, and it's quick too. Just send the money in a letter to Aivosto. Please contact vbshop@aivosto.com for the address.

If you don't want to pay in US Dollars, you can pay in your own currency. Finnish marks are preferred, but most currencies will do. Ask more about the exchange rate by email (vbshop@aivosto.com).

Perhaps you want to wrap the money inside a paper so that it doesn't look so obvious. And, if you want to, you can register your letter. This may cost a few dollars, but should bring more security.

Risk: Low to Moderate
Cost: Low
Currency: Any
Time: Week, depends on the country you are in

2. SWIFT

SWIFT is a way to pay if you don't have a credit card or can't send a U.S. check. You can do SWIFT at your local bank. Email vbshop@aivosto.com for more instructions and the account number. SWIFT costs vary by bank, they can be anywhere between $10 and $40.

Risk: Low
Cost: High
Currency: You pay in your currency, I receive it in mine
Time: More than 2 days. Please don't use this method in a hurry, there might be some delays.

3. Bank transfer

This applies to Finnish customers only. Bank transfer is the best (I'd say the only) way to pay in Finland. Please email   vbshop@aivosto.com for more details.

Risk: None
Cost: None
Currency: FIM
Time: About 2 days. Please don't use this method in a hurry, there might be some delays.

4.-7. Check, Money Order, Credit Card, First Virtual, Invoice

The **Kagi** payment processing service in the USA is taking care of processing shareware payments made by check, money order, credit card, First Virtual and invoice. Hundreds of other shareware authors use Kagi too. The service works as follows:

You can place your order by email, fax, conventional mail, or even phone. You run the REGISTER.EXE that was distributed along with the shareware package. The program will ask you for your address, the payment method you chose, your credit card number etc. and how many copies of each software you want to buy. The REGISTER.EXE program will output an order, which you can send to Kagi. They will send you a reply with the registration details. Depending on the program, you will either get a keyword or a WWW address where to download the registered program.

Note: You don't have to run the REGISTER.EXE program of the Kagi service if you want to pay in cash or to use SWIFT. You will only need to use the Kagi service if you plan to pay by credit card, check, First Virtual or invoice.

The REGISTER.EXE program is a bit complicated, but there is more information about it in REGISTER.HLP. The WWW address of Kagi is www.kagi.com in case you need further information about the service.

Risk: Low, varies by payment method. If you provide your credit card details, they are encrypted.
Cost: Low
Currency: Any
Time: Varies. Often very fast (1-2 days) if you email your order. Longer if you snailmail or fax the order.

If you are in a hurry

If you want to register quickly, email your credit card data to Kagi. Please don't forget to give your email address if you use REGISTER.EXE, email is the fastest way to get your program. Please don't use SWIFT if you are in a hurry, it often has delays.

Please understand that it can take a while for other than email orders. Conventional mail between the USA and Finland takes about a week or a few days more.

What if someone steals my credit card number?

It's always a bit risky to use your credit card. REGISTER.EXE will encrypt your credit card number whether you email or fax your order. It is supposed to keep your credit card number

secret.

If you use PGP (Pretty Good Privacy), you can also PGP to encrypt your email order. Send email to PGP@kagi.com to obtain the public key of Kagi.

If you think that email is not reliable enough, you can fax or post your order, but it takes a bit longer. If you are very suspicious about security, you can place your order by phone at an extra cost.

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Delivery will in most cases be just a registration keyword. In some cases, you may get a WWW address to download the files, or a disk. If you have an email address, please remember to give it when you register, it's the fastest way to get your program. If you don't have an email address, you can explicitly request snailmail delivery.

Note: You will get the program faster if you provide an email address. For some programs, like Project Analyzer, upgrades are free if sent by email. See the documentation of the program for the exact pricing details.

Email is the best way to contact Aivosto (vbshop@aivosto.com).

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Contact Information

Feel free to contact me for questions relating any of the programs or ordering.

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Email is the best way to reach Aivosto for questions.

If you want to contact Kagi payment processing company, see the addresses below.

Company: Kagi
WWW: http://www.kagi.com
Phone: +1 (510) 658-5244 (Time zone: California, USA; order taking 24 hours a day)
Fax: +1 (510) 652-6589
Email for placing an order: sales@kagi.com (read by a computer)
Email for questions about your order: admin@kagi.com (read by Kagi people)
Email for questions about the programs: vbshop@aivosto.com (read by Tuomas Salste)
Email for Kagi FAQ: FAQ@kagi.com (sends you information about Kagi)
Email for Kagi PGP key: PGP@kagi.com (if you want to PGP encrypt your order, email to this address to obtain the public key of Kagi)
Postal address:
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    Berkeley, California, 94709-1405
    USA

P.S. If you don't know your own email address for sure, send an empty email to whatIsMyEmail@kagi.com. You will soon receive a message telling your email address.

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Pricing

Pricing of the tools varies by program and the program version. There may be different policies considering the future versions of the program, the number of users etc. Usually, future versions are not free if you don't have an Internet email address. Most currencies and payment methods are accepted.

You will find more information in the documentation of the program itself. See the **Help| Pricing** menu command in the program, or view **readme.txt** if there are no menu commands.

Source code and multi-user licences are available too. Ask the author for more information.

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Ordering by Phone

If you want, you can also place your <u>credit card</u> order by phone at an extra cost of $5.

Kagi has a 24-hour service for phone orders. Call Kagi +1 (510) 658-5244 to make your order. Please note that people answering the phone don't know anything about the software, they just take the orders.

Ordering by phone costs you an additional $5, because it costs money to hire people for 24 hours a day to take orders. If you make a phone order, you don't have to run REGISTER.EXE. You will get your receipt on a postcard, but remember to give your correct email address to speed up delivery.

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