VB.Print!   The (32-bit) Visual Basic Source Code Printing Utility.

This release of **VB.Print** only has this file for help. Sorry, but I had to do this to get **VB.Print** on the net a.s.a.p.

VB.Print is a 32-bit application, that was developed using VB 4.0 in Windows 95 environment. I did not test **VB.Print** with NT, but the only thing I think that will not work is the direct print to port (I read that somewhere). This is a shareware product, so it's cheap! **VB.Print** has no limitations, what you see is what you get (except for that registration form printout)! So long you do not give me some money for a registration number, **VB.Print** will annoy you by printing a registration form once in a while. I expect if you do not register after the 30 days evaluation period, you stop using **VB.Print**. The system will not be crippled in any way after the evaluation period is expired. So, if you don't mind wasting paper or can figure out my encryption method of the unlock key, don't register, but somewhere in the world a poor programmer, who worked hard on this program, will suffer from a rejection syndrome. How to register section can be found at the end of this document.

In order to keep download time and distribution size down, I have removed all the runtimes. As it was designed for Visual Basic 4.0 programmers, it is assumed that you will have Visual Basic (32-bit version), and all the necessary files, so there is no need for me to include them. Just in case you want to know which files are required, here is the list:

COMDLG32.OCX, TABCTL32.OCX, RICHTX32.OCX, COMCTL32.OCX, MSOUTL32.OCX, WINMM.DLL and of cause the usual VB runtime files VB40032.DLL , VEN2232.OLB, OLEPRO32.DLL, MSVCRT20.DLL, MSVCRT40.DLL and for Windows NT you need CTL3D32.DLL.

Windows 97, and VB5 are supposed to eliminate the need for all of this, but until then, the quest for small goes on.

What can **VB.Print** do?

Besides printing text on your paper, it can print your form icons, general project information, list the controls names of the forms, list procedures and you can keep a tab on it using the index pages. The footer text is user definable, e.g. put your copyright notice. Optional stamp the page with current system time and date. You define where you want your page number (header or footer), or just don't use it at all. Just "for fun" I included wave files (beeps are getting to me) for certain events in **VB.Print**, but if you don't like it, just switch if off or remove (or change) the wave files (see 'Play sound events' in 'Preferences'-'User' tab).

There are three ways you can direct your report to:

• Use windows printer driver (the thing you always use) -- This way you can print everything (icons, colours, fonts, etc.).
• Place it in a RTF (Rich-Text-Format) file -- Sorry, no images, but still the colours and fonts. Great if you like to spice up the result in a word processor. (MS Word will greatly accept RTF files, and Windows 95 WordPad doesn't refuse it either.)
• Direct to parallel port (LPT1 to LPT3). Maybe not for Windows NT - Now there is a program that will use your old dot-matrix printer again (like my old 9 pinner). I notice printing through the Windows driver to my dot-matrix printer it took several minutes just to print one page (everything is printed in graphics mode). So get a fast printout I added this option to **VB.Print** which sends plain text (no icons, colours, fonts) direct to parallel port, try it and see (remember the "good" (were they really that good?) old MS-DOS prompt days..., I used to be a vivid Clipper programmer).

Several sections of the code (e.g. code, comments, procedure names) can be given a separate font, size and colour.

The settings of **VB.Print** are stored in a INI file (not system registry), so you can easy edit it externally, or if you want to delete **VB.Print** there's no hassle having to clean up your registry file.

What can **VB.Print** not do?

Get Bill Gates out of a job (Sorry, Bill, but you still got the best "computer" job of all).
How many companies would like to tell you what its product cannot do...
There are of cause several things you want, but when I was developing **VB.Print** I did not had your phone number handy and ask you "Sorry, mate, I am just busy with this VB source code printing utility. Is there anything you want, that I forgot?". But here are some things I would like myself when I get the time to do it (and if I find out that people are registering **VB.Print,** this would be a worth while to proceed developing **VB.Print**):

•   "In-line" comments do not change font.
•   Faster preview (and not using a dll or ocx - any suggestions?).
•   Backwards compatible with VB3 (, but the trouble is that I don't own VB3 and don't have it either).
•   List of procedures that a form uses, but not in that form or project (great to detect "dead" procedures of code you "borrowed" from another project).
•   Different colours for variables, constants, etc.
•   **VB.Print** Settings stored together with project file, so each project can have it's own way to print.
•   Timer mode. Start printing at specific time (e.g. after hours printing).
•   Show graphic lines in RTF file (now I am using underscores '_').
•   Make it an add-in, so it can replace the VB print option.
•   Finish off your current project, so you can go on holidays without your clients annoying you 'Where is my program...?' (I think this option will take a lot of time to develop..., maybe if Bill has some spare time, he could do it.)

If you think you must have these option, pay your registration fee and wait for updates. I will release updates of **VB.Print** as soon I think it deserves a release (you don't want an update (and waste download time) because I corrected a misspelled word, do you?).

How to use **VB.Print.**

If you are a programmer, you could skip this section (I'm an optimist). But I am still given it to you.

VB.Print accepts project (*.vbp) , form (*.frm), modules (*.bas) and class (*.cls) files. If you enter a project file, it will analyze this file and tries to gather all related files. To enter a file go to the "Source file" text box, to use the browser click on the '...'. If you used **VB.Print** before, click on '**<**', this will show last 9 'recent file' list.

"Files and Procedures" will give you an outline of the project (or file) you told **VB.Print**. Select the procedures you want to print, click on the filename if you want to select (or deselect) all entries below this file. *Click on the box to select or deselect.*   To quickly view a file or procedure, click on the name and select 'View...' button.

To verify what and how you want to print your source code, click on the 'Preferences' tab (in the top). Select the section you want to check or modify ('Options', 'Page', 'Printer', 'Fonts'). If you want to keep these settings click on 'Save settings', or go back to previous *saved* settings, click on 'Restore settings'.

To start printing click on the 'Print' button in main screen. You can have a preview first, by selecting the 'Preview' checkbox prior selecting the 'Print' button. By using the preview, you will be able to select a page number range prior printing and number of copies required.

How to register.

If you cannot wait for **VB.Print** to hassle you with the registration form, here is the directions for registration. The registration form can be found in the file 'regform.rtf' (use WordPad or Word, to print it) or print within the program (find the 'Rego' tab - use 'Print form' button).

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• 	Money order (in Australian dollars)
• 	Visa
• 	Mastercard
• 	Bankcard

Fax the registration form to: in Australia - 043 655 969, outside Australia - (International access number) + 61 43 655 969.

Mail (money, bug reports, etc.) to:

>	Inner Control Business Management
>	111 Meadow Street
>	Fairy Meadow NSW 2519
>	Australia

Do not forget to mention your preferred user name (up to 64 characters) - we do not accept things like Fred Flintstone, The Exterminator, The Crack boys, etc (unless you can prove, that it is really your name...). Send your postal address and/or internet email address details to receive your unlock key code.

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If your have any questions or like to say something, e-mail to: icbm@giga.net.au

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programming Daniel Appleman, for his book 'Visual Basic Programmer's Guide to the Win32 API'   (any short name for this book, Daniel? and Daniel, please more examples, one for each function,....please... (even you have to put them on the CD)). The MS VB KnowledgeBase gave me insight of some fancy tricks with VB.

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Notes to BBS Sysops -- Please post **VB.Print** using the following keywords: VB SOURCE CODE PRINTING UTILITY

Suggested one-liner: 'Source code printing utility for VB4 - requires Windows 95 or NT 32-bit.'

Other Information:

Name: **VB.Print**
Version: 1.0.0

Category: VB4 Utilities (32-bit)
Registration: Aus$30 to register current copy.
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