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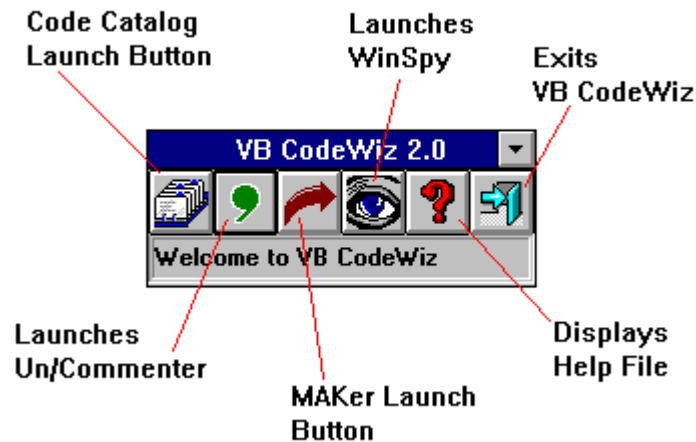
VB CodeWiz 2.0 is a significant upgrade from its predecessor version 1.0.   This useful visual basic development utility includes a number of tools to assist in programming. They include:

Code Catalog: This code catalog, formerly VB CodeWiz 1.0, is a handy utility that allows the developer to catalog all of his or her generic and reusable code. Routines are selected and then copied to the Windows clipboard, so that it may be pasted into any form or module.

Un/Commenter: This tool allows for the "Commenting" and "Uncommenting" of highlighted text within a code window.

MAKer: This utility enables the developer to easily locate, catalog, and identify .vbx files on the system, and add them to a .mak file.

WinSpy: This Visual Basic program is very similar to "Spy" that ships with the VB SDK (Software Development Kit).   It allows the developer to look at other windows and identify their class and parent.

Please note that if a utility has been minimized, clicking on its launch button will also make that utility's window state normal (just like clicking its minimized icon).   When any VB CodeWiz utility has the focus (its title bar is highlighted), selecting F1 will display help for that utility.

I hope VB CodeWiz 2.0 comes in handy.   Enjoy!

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Code Catalog
Selection (StartUp) Window

Selecting the Code Catalog button of VB CodeWiz 2.0 will display the Selection (StartUp) Window.   Double click on a routine in the 'Titles' list box (or click the 'Copy Routine' button) and the selected routine will be copied to the Windows clipboard.

By using the scroll bars on the right side of the list box, you can scroll down the list of routines to locate the routine you are searching for.

The 'Description' text box will give you a user-defined description of the presently selected routine.   This is a good place to write notes to yourself on how to use the routine.   (This information will not be copied to the clipboard.)

The 'Declarations and Code' text box contains all the declarations and code necessary to run this routine.

To add a new routine to the Code Catalog, press New Routine.

> Special features:

>> Status Bar

>> Auto Minimize

Pretty simple, huh?

> Menu Commands
> Copy Routine Button
> New Routine Button

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Code Catalog's Menu Commands

File Menu

Exit

Selecting 'Exit' will exit VB CodeWiz.   However, if VB CodeWiz has deleted a routine, edited a routine, or added a routine, it will save the routines before exiting.

Edit Menu

Copy Routine

Clicking on 'Copy Routine' copies the selected routine to the Windows clipboard.

New Routine

This command displays the New Routine Entry window.

Delete Routine

This command deletes the selected routine from VB CodeWiz.

Help Menu

Help

Clicking on this item will display this Help file.

About

Clicking on 'About' will tell you what version of VB CodeWiz you are using, Free User and GDI resources, as well as information about the developer (a really nice guy).

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Code Catalog
New Routine Entry Window

This window is used to enter a new routine.   So...the 'Title' box is where you enter the title of the new routine.   Depress the tab key to move to the next text box.

The 'Description' is where you type in any notes regarding the new routine, such as how to use it, what it will and won't do, when you wrote it, etc.

In 'Declarations', type any and all API functions, Constants, etc. that are necessary to run the new routine.

And of course, in the 'Code' section, type or insert the code for the new routine. Simple?   Depress OK to accept this new routine into your catalog.

OK Button
Cancel Button

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Un/Commenter

Selecting the Un/Commenter button on VB CodeWiz 2.0 launches this handy tool.   This utility is great for commenting out blocks of text that are "bugging" you.   Simply highlight code in the code window and depress the Comment button.   All the text is copied to the clipboard where it is formatted with apostrophe marks   (')   and then reinserted into the code window where it was.   To Uncomment the text, just highlight the lines of code where you want to eliminate the apostrophe marks, depress the Uncomment button and...."poof!"   An easy tool to use, and very useful!

Depressing Exit, exits Un/Commenter only and leaves VB CodeWiz running.

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VB CodeWiz MAKer

Selecting the MAKer button on launches VB CodeWiz MAKer, an easy way to locate and identify .vbx files.

When running this utitlity fo the first time, select 'Controls' from the menu, then select 'Add controls to Database.'   VB CodeWiz MAKer will scan your windows\system directory to find all available .vbx's.   Additionally, this list of files can be stored into a database with a short file description, that you input, of what it does.   (For example, MCI.vbx can have a description that says: "Multimedia Control.")

This utility can also be used to add or delete .vbx's from an existing .mak file, or you can create new .mak files here.

MAKer's Menu Commands

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MAKer's Menu Commands

File Menu

New
Clears the .vbx's in the Current Mak list box.

Open
Opens an existing .mak file

Save
Saves the current .mak

Save As
To save the current .mak with a different file name.

Exit
Exits MAKer, yet leaves VB CodeWiz running.

Controls Menu

Add Controls to Database Ctrl + A
Selecting this menu item displays a dialog box that allows you to search your entire path for .vbx's or search for individual .vbx's.   A message box will be displayed to inform you of all the .vbx's on your drive.

Delete Selected Control   Ctrl + D
Selecting this menu item displays a dialog box where you can delete the control from the database or delete it from your hard drive.

Find by Description   Ctrl + F
Displays an input box where you can input a text string to search the database for a matching text string description.

Find Next   F3
Hmmm......find next matching description.

Clear Database
Are you sure you want to delete all entries in the .vbx database?   It will ask you twice.   Redundant, huh?

Run   Menu

Launch Current Mak
Launches the current .mak, provided it is saved.

Help Menu

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WinSpy

Selecting the WinSpy button launches WinSpy, a program very similar to the SDK spy utility.   When launched it will display information based upon where the mouse cursor is on screen.   By moving the mouse around the screen you will be able to determine the window's handle, Classname, Caption, Parent, Parent caption, Parent class, displayed it will   It allows the developer to look at other windows and identify their class and parent.

Holding down Control and right-clicking will toggle WinSpy off and on.   Selecting "Stay On Top" will force WinSpy to remain on top of all other running programs.

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About this Help file...

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Status Bar

The status bar at the bottom of the Selection (StartUp) and New Routine Entry windows display menu, button and text box prompts!

Auto Minimize

After the Code Catalog has copied the selected routine to the clipboard and the OK confirmation box has been displayed, the Code Catalog will minimize to an icon.

Copy Routine Button

Copies the selected routine to the Windows clipboard.

New Routine Button
Displays the New Routine entry window.

OK Button

Accepts the new routine and returns to the Selection (StartUp) window.

Cancel Button

Selecting "Cancel" will disregard any information input into this window, and will then return to the Selection (StartUp) window.