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Thanks for using VB Project Protector, the tool that helps you protect your programming investment. You never need to worry about losing your hard work because of a system failure or accidental erasure again. The remainder of this help file will show you how to get started right away.

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What is VB Project Protector

VB Project Protector is a utility designed for the Visual Basic Programmer. It allows you to archive your projects directly from your .MAK file for quick and easy storage. VB Project Protector allows you to efficiently compress all project files onto one or more floppy disks or directly into a directory on a hard drive.

It is particularly efficient in keeping multiple versions of your project available for use.

Special Instructions

1.   PKZip is required in order to use this product. However, it is not included with this package. Please have a current copy of PKZip (available on most bulletin board systens, or directly from PKWare, Inc.) on your hard drive before trying to archive a project.

2.   The Project to Archive and Archive name are both stored in ARCHIVE.INI which is located in your Windows directory. If this file doesn't exist in either the VB Project Archive or Windows directories, VB Project Protector will automatically create it the first time you run the program.

3.   VBRUN300.DLL is also required to run this product. It is not included in the Zip file, but can be obtained from Compuserve.

About VB Project Protector

VB Project Protector is Shareware. If you use this program and find it helpful, please send $29.95 to the address below. Upon registration, you will receive the latest version which provides an additional facility to include other than just .MAK source files, (such as data files, documentation, etc.)

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Using VB Project Protector

VB Project Protector is simple!

To Create an Archive

1.   Place the name of your .MAK file (including the path) into the Project To Archive box. If you are unsure of the path and/or file name, click on the browse button to the right of the box to select the .MAK file.

2.   Select the destination drive and file name you wish to archive the files to in the Archive To box. If you are unsure of the drive or wish to add a directory, click on the browse button to the right of the box to select the .ZIP file.

3.   Choose the <u>Options</u> Button or select Options from the File menu to determine the project information you want included in the archive. Note that these settings are retained between uses of VB Project Archiver.

4.   Press the Begin Button or select Begin Archive from the File menu to start the archiving process.

File Menu

The File Menu contains all the commands necessary to run VB Project Protector

Project Name

Choosing this command is the same as selecting the browse button to the right of the Project Name box. which allows you to point and click to the drive, directory and filename placing the filename and path in the Project Name box..

Archive To

The Archive To command requires the zip filename. Selecting this commands is the same as selecting the browse button to the right of the Archive To box. This allows you to point and click to the drive, directory and filename which places the path and filename in the Archive To box.

Begin Archive

Starts the archiving process.

Options

Sets all the options available in VB Project Protector.

Exit

Exits VB Project Protector.

Options

VB Project Protector presents many options to determine how your project is archived. These are divided into 2 areas:

File Options

Compress File - If checked, this will compress the files within the .ZIP format. If not checked, it simply adds the files to the archived file without compressing them. Default is checked.

Include PKunZip with Archive - Enabled by default. Places a copy of PKUNZIP.EXE on the floppy or in the archive direcgory to better facilitate uncompressing the archive. The next option (Path to PKZip) tells tells the program where to fined PKUnZip.

Path to PKZip - Enter the path where PKZIP and PKUnZip reside. If you don't know, press the browse button to the right of the box 📁 to choose the drive and directory.

Overwrite Archive File - A series of option buttons to select how you wish to handle archive files with the same name.

Never
> Never overwrites an existing archive file. If one exists, the archive operation will fail.

Prompt First
> Prompts to overwrite an existing archive file. If one exists, a warning box will appear asking if you want to replace the file. If you choose not to replace the file, the compression operation will fail.

Always
> Always overwrites the existing archive files.

Operation Options

These check boxes allow you to include the types of files you want to compress.

- Include Forms (.FRM)
- Include Layouts (.FRX)
- Include .EXE if available
- Include Modules (.BAS)
- Include Controls (.VBX)
- Include Help File (.HLP)

Buttons

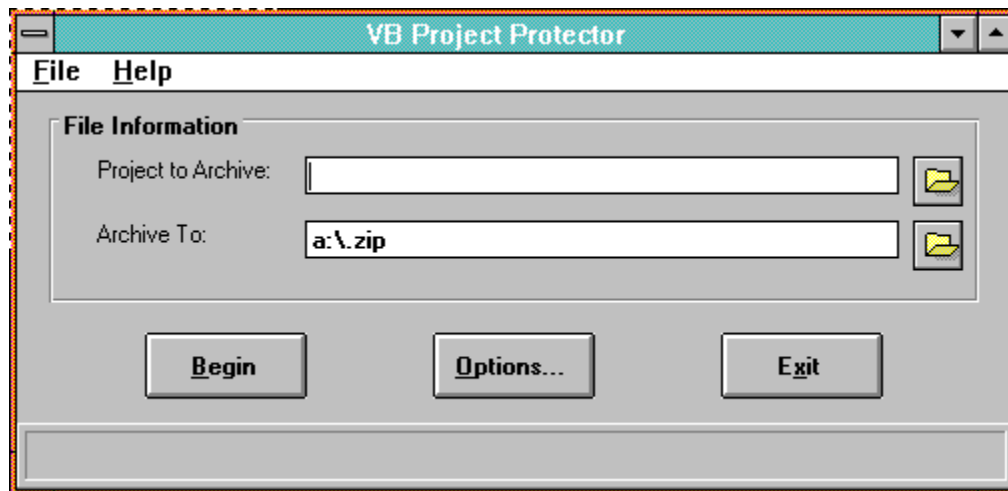All Buttons on the screen are shortcuts to commands on the File menu.

Begin   Begins the Archiving Process.   See <u>File Menu</u> for more information

Options   Opens the <u>Options</u> Dialog Box.

Exit   Exits the Program

The VB Project Protector Main Screen

Click on a screen area to find out what it does.

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File Information

Project to Archive:

Archive To: a:\.zip

Begin   Options...   Exit

Contains the project name and path you want to archive.
See <u>File Menu</u> for more information

Contains the name and path you wish to store the archive to.
See also <u>File Menu</u> for more information

Begins the Archiving Process.
See <u>File Menu</u> for more information

Opens the Options Dialog box.
See <u>Options</u> for more information

Exits the VB Project Protector program.

Opens a dialog box enabling you to visually set the .MAK file's drive, directory and filename.

Opens a dialog box enabling you to visually set the Archive file's drive, directory and filename.

Accesses the help file you are now reading.