VB Project Protector *Vers. 1.0*

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I. Introduction

Thank you for using VB Project Protector! This product allows you to protect the working files of your Visual Basic project in an archive format. This is valuable in many situations such as during development when you are making changes that you may want to later reverse or correct, or when moving projects off your hard disk.

VB Project Protector is simple to use - just tell it the project path and name and where you want to put the archive file and press the Begin button. Now, just follow the instructions!

II. Program Requirements

In order to use this software, you must be running Windows 3.1 or greater on at least a 286 machine with 2 Mb of memory, VB300RUN.DLL, and have the latest copy of PKZip. Note that both VB300RUN.DLL and PKZip are available on most bulletin board systems. PKZip is also available from PKWare, Inc.

III. Installing VB Project Protector

This product is distributed as a zip file (ARCHIVE.ZIP) containing the following:

          ARCHIVE.BAT   - File used in archive process
          ARCHIVE.EXE   - Archive software file
          ARCHIVE.HLP   - On-line information on using VB Project Protector
          ARCHIVE.INI   - Archive set-up information
          ARCHIVE.PIF   - Parameter file for running PKZip
          CMDIALOG.VBX   - Common dialog interface
          CMMDLG.DLL   - Common dialog library
          THREED.VBX   - 3D effects VBX
          README.WRI   - This file

Overview

This software is provided in a zip-format file. In order to use it, you must first unzip the file's contents into a working directory. If you wish this may be your Windows directory or another directory created specifically for this program.

After you have unzipped the file, open one of your working folders (such as Accessories, or Visual Basic) and select New from the File menu. You will now create a new icon in the folder to access VB Project Protector. After this is complete, you are ready to use the software.

Step by Step Instructions

From DOS:

1) Create a new directory to contain the VB Project Protector software:
        example: md c:\archive

2) Move into this new directory:
        example: cd \archive

3) Use PKUnZip to extract the contents of the zip file:
        example: pkunzip archive

4) If you want to run the software from the new directory you can skip this step.
   Copy the extracted files to your windows directory:
        example: del archive.zip
                              copy archive.* c:\windows
                              copy *.dll c:\windows\system
                              copy *.vbx c:\windows\system

** Note: Before you copy the **dll** and **vbx** to your windows\system directory, check the dates of the files provided with archive.zip and make sure they are **later** than the ones in the destination directory, or that they don't already exist. If the ones in the destination directory exist, and are later, simply delete those provided from the new directory. The software will automatically use the ones already installed.

5) Restart Windows.

6) Open your accessories group (or another group if preferred) and select File|New to create a new.

7) Create a new item called "VB Project Protector".

8) Use "Browse" to find, (or simply type in the path to), ARCHIVE.EXE.

You may now use VB Project Protector.

IV. Additional Notes

The first time that you run VB Project Protector, the software will look for a file named ARCHIVE.INI first in the directory where the software resides, and then, if not found, in your Windows directory. If the initialization file is not found there, the program will automatically create one. This file is used by VB Project Protector to store your default save parameters.

V. Shareware

This product is distributed as shareware. This means that you are given permission to use the software for a short period of time, (1 month) in order to try it out. If you continue using it, you are required to register it. Registration costs only $29.95 (US).

Upon registration you will receive the latest copy of the product which includes the ability to archive files other than just those found in your project, (such as data files, documentation, .ini files, etc.). These are included or excluded interactively before the archive process begins, and even this list of files can be saved for later archiving on a project-by-project basis! Other enhancements are also available such as the ability to set archive switches.

You can register by sending a check or money order for $29.95 (US) to:

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Please include your name, company name (if applicable), shipping address, and telephone number. We normally ship via the postal system. If you want other shipping arrangements, please indicate this with your order. We will contact you with any specifics.

Thanks in advance for your support!

VI. Enhancements in Registered Version

The registered version of the VB Project Protector contains a number of improvements that make it a highly worthwhile investment:

1) The ability to include all files, not just those in the project, such as documentation, icons and bitmaps, DLLs, libraries, literally any other files on any disk.

2) The ability to exclude individual files from the archive.

3) A list screen is presented before the archive begins. You can use this screen to check your project files, and perform the includes/excludes discussed previously.

4) Full settings of all operations in the Options dialog.

5) Complete control over ZIP operations including: Compression level, update (refresh) files only, handling of multiple volumes for same project, ZIP comments added to file, delete source files after archive, keep file paths, and retain archival dates.

6) Remember up to 10 projects and their respective archive file names & destinations.

7) Receive technical support.

8) The ability to save file lists between archives so that you don't have to regenerate them, and much more!

Register Today!