Message Box Generator 1.1
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Description
This program was designed to allow for quick and easy code generation of the msgbox() function in Visual Basic. Msgbox() is a great little function, but I found that creating the right box from code usually required some trial and error. Message Box Generator is designed to solve this problem. Its interface is quick, easy, and intuitive.

Disclaimer
I make no warranty, expressed or implied, to this programs usefulness, uselessness, or that it even works at all. It is provided as is.

Installation
1. Make sure you have a copy of VBRUN300.DLL in your path. Chances are you do.
2. Place all .VBXs and .DLLs in your \windows\system directory.
3. Place MBGEN.EXE anywhere you wish.
4. Launch through traditional means. Program Manager, File/Run, etc.

Usage
1. Run MBGen.
2. Select the desired graphical and texual characteristics.
3. Click *'Preview'* to see your message box.
4. If you are satisfied, click *'Clip'* to write the associated code to the clipboard.
5. Locate where you want the code in your source and paste the text.
6. That's all there is to it.

Customizing
Message Box Generator 1.1 can be customized to a great extent. The following is a list of the customization options and an explanation of each.

Initial Run Style
When you launch MBGEN, it will start up in the selected mode, normal or minimized.

Minimize After Clip
When you click on the '*Clip'* button to paste code into the clipboard, MBGEN will automatically minimize itself if this option is checked.

Include REM Line
If this options is checked, the pasted code will include a REM line that includes msgbox() return values.
For example: '   Result: 1=OK

Variable Name

This this the text to be used as the variable in the pasted code.
In the case where RET is the variable name: RET=msgbox(...)

Number Of Tabs
This is the desired number of tabs to be inserted at the beginning of each line of generated code.

Default: Icon
This is the icon selection that will be initially marked when first entering MBGEN.

Default: Button
This is the buttons group selection that will be initially marked when first entering MBGEN.

Default: Default
This is the default button group button that will be initially selected when first entering MBGEN. (Did that make sense?)

Default: Modal
This is the modal selection that will be initially marked when first entering MBGEN.

3D Box
If this is checked, the message box PREVIEW option will display a 3-D message box. **NOTE:** This will NOT generate a 3-D message box inside your code. It will display a 3D box during preview only. If you want 3-D boxes in your applications look around the MSBASIC forum on CompuServe. There are plenty of packages that generate these effects. I use VBCTL3D and it's great.

A Final Word

This program is not crippled in any way. I hope you find this program useful. If you do, let's support the shareware concept. Send $10 to:

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