

VB Time Counter add-in

VB Time Counter Add-In is a free Visual Basic 5.0 add-in. It is designed to count the time spent in developing project's source code.

It keeps the time in minutes in an Access mdb file with several tables.

It has configuration options for specifying the path of the database, saving the counted time at regular intervals, or before running a program to avoid loss of data if VB or the program hangs. It takes into account crossing midnight boundaries or changes in the system time and date. Finally, it provides some statistics about the time spent in every project.

Feedback

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I want to continue improving this add-in, so if you help me, I will put you in my automatic e-mail upload list for new versions.

Installation and files

Installation of this add-in is manual, so as you probably know, after copying the DLL (preferably to C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM), you must add the following line into C:\WINDOWS\VBADDIN.INI :

TmrAddin.Connect=1

Also you must register the dll using Regsvr32 :

regsvr32 c:\windows\system\tmraddin.dll

Please note that I compiled this addin using VB 5.0 with Service Pack 3 installed.

The ZIP file arrived to you must contain the following files :

TMRADDIN.DLL	The addin code
README.DOC	This manual
README.TXT	Introductory text description .

As this DLL is intended for developer's use I understand that all the other files are already installed in your system.

How to use

After installation, load VB 5.0, go to Addins --> Addin manager. It must appear in the list (Time counter Add-In for VB).

Select it and it must be visible in the tools menu and buttonbar. To show the add-in form, click on the menu or button bar and a small window that integrates into the VB development environment must appear.

Buttons have tooltips, so I expect that it will be enough to explain and understand what their use are for.

In the present version there is not a print button, but I have included a "copy to clipboard" button. From the clipboard, you can paste it into Excel, Word, Wordpad, etc. Also you can use directly the Access database (TMDADDIN.MDB)

In the "settings" button you will find several options. They are intended to preserve the counted time in the case that VB, the program you are developing, or the system hangs. The other option lets you to specify the path where the database is located.

Projects just created and not saved before will not be enabled to count time, so if you want to control them, first save them to disk.

When you load a project, time does not begin counting until you click in a form, in a code window or in an item in the project explorer.

Versions

Version 1.1 :

Solved a GPF fault when loading the DLL that some users reported.

Version 1.0 :

First release.

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