VbReader Info

Why is VbReader no longer FreeWare?:

When I started this program, it was because I wanted it for myself. I thought it would be a rewarding and interesting experience. When the first version was done, it occured to me that perhaps others would like to use the program. It appeared to be a good way of putting something back into the hobby. At last I could actualy upload something original instead of downloading other people's stuff! I am sure that you have felt that way at one time or another!

Well, the program enjoyed a certain amount of popularity. I was encouraged by the response, and kept adding enhancements. Five versions were released that way, from September '92 to February '93. At this point, I had spent nearly a thousand hours on this. The novelty was starting to wear off! A decision had to be made. Either abandon the program, or find a way to motivate myself. Well, since the comments from users were positive, and quite a few users had told me I should go shareware, that is what I did.

I enlisted the help of the folks at Dirac Systems to handle the distribution and (grin!) collection. They also supply a 24 hour a day BBS for support. All in all, going shareware means better support for you, the user, and a higher likelyhood that the program will be around for a while yet!

Thank You;

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Quick Installation:

Unzip the package to a diskette.

Start Windows. **Make sure that the Program Manager is running, even if it is not your shell. Otherwise, the instalation will fail!**

Use the FileManager and double-click on SETUP.EXE. The program installs itself. At the end of the installation, the program will launch the font manager to install the required fonts. Make sure you read the Message Box instructions and follow them closely. Simply put, you will use the font manager to install four fonts included in the kit. You will then ensure that **"Enable True Type Fonts ONLY in applications"** is **NOT** checked (**not turned on**).

Finally, if Pkzip is on your path, you are done. Otherwise, use the windows PIF editor to edit COMPRESS.PIF and EXPLODE.PIF to include the path to pkzip in the command line argument.

Start the program by clicking the icon it the windows program group.   Make sure you fully configure the program before using it.

Please read the installation and configuration sections in the users manual **VbReader.wri.**