VbReader 2.0 Information

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1.0 VbReader Support

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VbReader is being distributed by Dirac Systems and will be supported by the author on Dirac Systems' BBS at modem (416)283-7157. Users can download the latest version of the program or upload trouble reports and messages at no cost.

2.0   What's New in This Version

This version is the result of nearly 6 months of hard work by two guys running on high-octane coffee and getting way too little sleep! Here are some of the features that we managed to incorporate in the program:

- **Long conference names for Internet (Usenet) mail**
- **Selectable .msg reply file to view, edit, and compress, independently of the packet presently loaded.**
- **Multiple selects everywhere to select and read conferences, msgs.**
- **Increased error checking**
- **Bookmarks. Messages you have read are marked and may be automaticaly skipped. When changing conferences, the program points to the first un-**

read message in this conference. Bookmarks are saved with the packet, so the packet status is retained between sessions.
-The program now has a button bar.
-Pointers are automaticaly moved to the uploads directory, should you need them.
-Extensive editor controls (search, replace, etc...)
-Automatic renaming of packets
-Better and faster handling of the conference list.
-Better Door config functions (Add, Drop, Reset pointers)
-International date and time display.
-Tag line Thief
-Tag file editing
-Random Tag line Selection
-Usenet mode (lower case message header info, automatic routing lines, long conference names)
-Tag line can be disabled for registered users.
-Extensive keyboard controls for moving through the packet and editing replies with text search and replace capability
-Store and retrieve query parameters from file.
-Display of your tag line when reading your replies.
-ROT13 encoding and decoding of messages.
-Password encoding and decoding of private messages.
-Address book of users which you can use to send mail simultaneously with automated addressing to many users, in many conferences, in many BBS systems at once.
-Message Storage folders using Access Database format.
-Comprehensive help file with instant access everywhere in the program. (Press F1 on the menu or dialog you need help on)
-Multi-Lingual Support

3.0   Program Requirements

VbReader requires the following:

- Although **VbReader** will run on an Intel based 286 personal computer, a 386 is preferred.
- VGA or better video monitor with 800x600 resolution is preferred.
- Microsoft Windows 3.1.
- A telecommunications program to download mail packets and to upload replies.
- PKZIP and PKUNZIP software to compress and expand mail packets.

4.0   Installation and Configuration

Since you are reading this, we can assume the installation was a success!
However, just in case, here is the summary:

    1-   Unzip the kit to a diskette.

    2-   Using the file manager, double-click **setup.exe** in the distribution kit.

    3-   The program installs itself. During the process, directories on your path are scanned for old .vbx and .dll files which may interferere with the proper operation of the program. If found, such files are renamed with a .sav extension. VbReader then copies the program files in the program instalation directory. It also copies the required vbx and dll files to the Windows\System directory, as per Microsoft recomendations.

    4-   The program also installs the required fonts in your system. Those are from the standard Windows 3.1 distribution kits, and are included in the kit just in case your system does not have them installed. The program tries to install the fonts automaticaly. Should this procedure fail, you will have to install the fonts manualy using the Control Panel|Fonts application. Invoke the control panel's font application and point it to the installation kit. The font installer will find 4 fonts. Install them all. If your system already has them, the installer will complain a little but will keep going.

    5-   Once the installation is complete, start the program and use the **Config** menu to configure the various options. **You must configure the program!** Refer to the Help File, **Configuring VbReader** topic to guide you.

Hope you like the program!

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