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This document contains general information on registering certain Visual Basic tools created by Tuomas Salste. Please read this carefully if you are planning to register any of the following programs:

- \* Project Analyzer \* DBtoVB Wizard
- \* DB Structure
- \* DB Lock
- \* InputBox

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## **Payment Method**

There are various payment methods for paying the registration fee.

- 1. Cash (USD, FIM + various currencies)
- 2. SWIFT
- 3. Bank transfer (Finland only)
- 4. Check or Money Order
- 5. Credit card (VISA, Master Card, American Express)
- 6. First Virtual (payment system in the Internet using your credit card)
- 7. Invoice

The methods vary by risk, cost, currency, and time.

If you use any of methods 1-3 you can send the registration fee directly to me. If you use any of methods 4-7 you will send the registration fee to a payment processing service called **Kagi**. This is an easy way to register if you want to use one of methods 4-7. See below.

Description of each method is below.

#### 1. Cash

Cash is the cheapest way to pay, and it's quick too. Just send the money in a letter to VBShop. Please contact vbshop@netgate.net for the address.

If you don't want to pay in US Dollars, you can pay in your own currency. Finnish marks are preferred, but most currencies will do. Ask more about the exchange rate by email (vbshop@netgate.net). The price in Finnish marks will usually be the cheapest alternative, because I can save the exchange costs then.

Perhaps you want to wrap the money inside a paper so that it doesn't look so obvious. And, if you want to, you can register your letter. This may cost a few dollars, but should bring more security.

Risk: Low to Moderate Cost: Low Currency: Any Time: Week, depends on the country you are in

### 2. SWIFT

Use SWIFT (electronic funds transfer) to obtain maximum security. You can do SWIFT at your local bank. Email me (vbshop@netgate.net) for more instructions and my account number. SWIFT costs vary by bank, they can be anywhere between \$10 and \$40. This is the fastest and most reliable payment method.

Risk: Low Cost: High Currency: You pay in your currency, I receive it in mine Time: About 2 days

#### 3. Bank transfer

This applies to Finnish customers only. Bank transfer is the best (I'd say the only) way to pay in Finland. Please email vbshop@netgate.net for more details.

Risk: None Cost: None Currency: FIM Time: 1 to 2 days

#### 4.-7. Other payment methods

(Check or Money Order, Credit card, First Virtual, Invoice)

I'm part of the **Kagi** payment processing service. Dozens of shareware authors use **Kagi** to process their registration fees. The service works as follows:

You run the <u>REGISTER.EXE</u> that was distributed along with the shareware package. The program will ask you for your address, the payment method you chose, your credit card number etc. and how many copies of each software you want to buy. The REGISTER.EXE program will output an order. Then you just email, fax, or snail mail the order to the **Kagi** service. They will send you a reply with the registration details. Depending on the program, you will either get a keyword or a WWW address where to download the registered program.

**Note:** You don't have to run the REGISTER.EXE program of the **Kagi** service if you want to pay in cash or to use SWIFT. You will only need to use the **Kagi** service if you plan to pay by credit card, check, First Virtual or invoice.

The REGISTER.EXE program is a bit complicated, but there is more information about it in <u>REGISTER.HLP</u>. The WWW address of **Kagi** is www.kagi.com in case you need further information about the service.

Risk: Low, varies by payment method. If you provide your credit card details, they are encrypted. Cost: Low Currency: Any Time: Varies. Often very fast (1-2 days) if you email your order. Longer if you snailmail or fax the order.

#### If you are in a hurry

If you want to register quickly, use SWIFT directly to me, or email your credit card data to **Kagi**. Please don't forget to give your email address if you use REGISTER.EXE, email is the fastest way to get your program.

Please understand that it can take a while for snailmail to come to me from the other side of the world. Snailmail from the USA to Finland takes about a week or a few days more.

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Delivery will in most cases be just a registration keyword. In some cases, you may get a WWW address to download the files, or a disk. If you have an email address, please remember to give it when you register, it's the fastest way to get your program. If you don't have an email address, you can explicitly request snailmail delivery.

**Note:** You will get the program faster if you provide an email address. For some programs, like Project Analyzer, upgrades are free if sent by email. See the documentation of the program for the exact pricing details.

**Email** is the best way to contact VBShop (vbshop@netgate.net). If you don't know your email address for sure, send an empty email to whatIsMyEmail@kagi.com. You will soon receive a message telling your email address.

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**Pricing** Pricing of the tools varies by program and the program version. There may be different policies considering the future versions of the program, the number of users etc. Usually, future versions are not free if you don't have an Internet email address.

You will find more information in the documentation of the program itself. See the Help Pricing menu command in the program, or view readme.txt if there are no menu commands.

Source code and multiple licences are available too. Ask the author for more information.

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