



VB PLUS Toolbar

Visual Basic AddOn.

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Getting Started

The Coolest Shareware Add-On for Visual Basic.

VB+ is a Toolbar for Visual Basic, it add's over 30 shortcut keys to VB, A Project Zipper, Quick Help access, Full time Resource and Memory guages to monitor you work, a Multi-File dialog, and more. There has been quite a few of these type Programs released lately, but I think you will find this one very interesting. So far I've spent most of my time getting it to "Spy" on VB to give it a unique Look and Feel. Now I can work more on new functions, but wanted to get it out and start getting feedback on what people think. So check it out, and I would really like to hear from someone with a high res. monitor, as to how it lines up with VB. On a 640 x 480 it should match up good but I dont know about other Monitors, please let me know. A few quick tips to avoid errors the first time you run it. Several file paths need to be set in order for the program to work, most have been automated so you should'nt have to do it, but some may slip by. You should use the SETUP program to install as this is where they are set. The project backup zipper has a .PIF file for PKZIP, you will need to set the path to your copy of PKZIP.EXE. If you have VB2 you will get a prompt for the path to VB.EXE. It should work with VB ver.2 & 3, don't know about ver.1

Main Toolbar



Buttons

Exit
Float Window
Cut
Copy
Paste

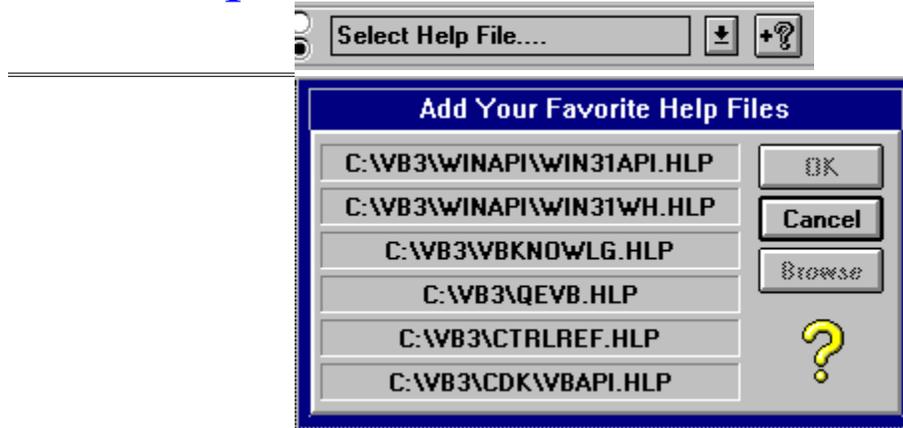
Shell Control Panel
Shell NotePad
Shell Paint Brush
Level Options

New Project
Add Files
Remove File
Print
Make EXE

Project Window
Visual Basic Help
VBPlus Help
Resource Gauge

Find Previous
Find
Find Next
Replace
Bring To Front
Send To Back
New Procedure
Next Procedure
Previous Procedure
Memory Monitor

Add Help



Use the above Dialog to Setup your help files. Simply Click on one of the text boxes and the Browse button will become enabled, Click this button and locate your help file. Once all boxes are filled click OK, the Paths will be saved to a .INI file, and you will not need to use this dialog again unless you want to change files. Then to Access your help file Click the DropDown list and choose the file.

Project Zipper

A easy to use Project Backup, that compresses every thing into a ZIP file. Click on the button and a window will come up, if you have opened a project since starting VB then it will know the Path and Project name and will load the files, otherwise you will get the Open Dialog box, to locate your project. Once the project has been loaded, a list of all Forms and .BAS files will be loaded. (No VBX's didn't think we needed them) Select all files you want backed up and click "Zip". This brings up another window that will give you a chance to add "Extra Support Files" (.mdb, .dbf, .bmp, etc...). Set the "OutPath" to the Dir. where you want put the backup(any Drive or Dir.). Then Click OK the program will create a Temp Dir, copy all files, Shell to PKZIP, when done it will clean up and delete the Temp files, and return you to VBPlus.

Requires a copy of PKZIP. the Path will be set the first time you run VBPlus.

Registering

VBPlus can be your's for only \$25.00. To order your copy send check or money order to:

Bill Pennington
PO Box 3812
Sarasota, Fla. 34230

For your convenience there is a on-line order form. To access it, goto the About Box and click the Register Button.

I can be contacted Via
AOL: Bonsai Kid
CIS: 72154,167
or the Address above.

All Suggestions or Comments are Welcome.

What's Shareware

The Shareware Concept

Shareware is copyrighted software that is distributed by authors through bulletin boards, on-line services and disk vendors.

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Multi-File Dialog

This Dialog shows up in two different places in the program. one to add multiple files to your VBProject, and the other to add extra files to the Project Zipper. The Project Zipper is fairly straight forward, just choose your files add go. Adding files to the VB Project is a little different. There are some limitations with it, If you try to add a Form which has the same "Name" (Not Filename but Property Name) as one that is already in the project it will beep several times and abort. the same is true with .bas and .vb's. I have not been able to trap the Error, but don't be alarmed when it starts beeping it will not cause any problems If you make sure to name all forms as you save them (don't just leave them the default Form1, ect....) you should not have a problem.

New Project - Opens a New Visual Basic Project

Add File - Add File To Visual Basic Project

Remove File - Removes File Currently HighLighted in the Project window

Print - Visual Basic's Print Command, From File menu

Make EXE - The Visual Basic Make EXE Command

Find - Searches Code for Text.

Find Previous - Find Previous instance of search String.

Find Next - Find Next instance of search String.

Replace - Replaces currently selected text with your text.

Bring To Front - Brings currently selected Control to the Top of the Z-Order on the Current Form.

Shell Paint Brush - Opens Windows Paint Brush Program

Shell NotePad - Opens Windows NotePad Program

Shell Control Panel - Open Windows Control Panel

Project Window - Brings VB's Project Windows to the Top

Visual Basic Help - Opens VB's Help File, Left Mouse button calls F1 help, Right Mouse button calls Search Help.

VBPlus Help - Opens this Help File, Left Mouse Button calls VBPlus About window, Right Button calls Help.

Resource Gauge - Up to the Second readout of System GUI and USER Resources.

Level Options - Used to show the different levels of Buttons on the Main ToolBar.

Memory Monitor - Up to the Second readout of Free System Memory, also clicking on the Text will toggle it to Date and Time. And Clicking just above the Text will bring up a window to change the position of the ToolBar.

Previous Procedure - VB's Previous Procedure Command.

Next Procedure - VB's Next Procedure Command.

New Procedure - VB's New Procedure Command.

Send To Back - Sends Currently selected Control to the Back of the Z-Order on Current Form.

Exit - Exits VB and VBPlus, however you are given a chance to Close One or the Other, or Both. Simply Click OK to Close Both, or Remove X from Box to leave VB running.

Float Window - Toggles the Float - No Float for the ToolBar.

Cut - VB's Cut Command.

Copy - VB's Copy Command.

Paste - VB's Paste Command.

Reserved for Future Use - Six extra Buttons Reserved for Future Use.

