About the CD

This CD contains the source code for examples in the book "Visual Basic 6: Design, Specification, and Objects" by Billy S. Hollis, published by Prentice Hall PTR. It also contains:

Σ   Microsoft Word 97 templates for use in the creation of specifications

Σ   60-day trial versions of Visio Enterprise 5.0 and Visio Professional 5.0 from Visio Corporation

Please review the license terms and disclaimers in the file LICENSE.TXT on this disk before using any of the source code.

To use the source code, copy the appropriate directories to an appropriate location on your hard disk. No installation program is provided for source code or templates. After you copy the files onto your own hard disk, you should make sure the copied files are not marked read-only. If the files are read-only, you can use Windows Explorer to remove the read-only attribute.

To install the software from Visio, run the Setup.exe program in the /Visio/Enterprise or /Visio/Professional directory. License terms and additional instructions will be presented by the setup program.

The source code examples are all in the /Examples directory. Almost all examples are available in both Visual Basic 5 and Visual Basic 6 format. The VB5 format examples are in /Examples/VB5 and the VB6 format examples are in /Examples/VB6.

The Microsoft Word 97 templates are in the /Templates directory. They should be copied to the location on your system that Microsoft Word uses for templates (such as "C:/Program Files/Microsoft Office/Templates"). These templates will then be available when the File-->New menu option is selected in Word.

Sample Data

Many of the Visual Basic examples use a data file named Biblio.mdb for data access. This is a standard file that is installed with Visual Basic. However, the location of the file may be different for your system, or you may have changed Biblio.mdb in significant ways. In these cases, the programs will generate appropriate errors.

For convenience, a fresh copy of Biblio.mdb can be found in the /Examples directory. You may copy that to an appropriate location and change the reference in the source code to point to your location.