

Message Box Generator 1.1

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Description

This program was designed to allow for quick and easy code generation of the `msgbox()` function in Visual Basic. `Msgbox()` is a great little function, but I found that creating the right box from code usually required some trial and error. Message Box Generator is designed to solve this problem. Its interface is quick, easy, and intuitive.

Disclaimer

I make no warranty, expressed or implied, to this programs usefulness, uselessness, or that it even works at all. It is provided as is.

Installation

1. Make sure you have a copy of `VBRUN300.DLL` in your path. Chances are you do.
2. Place all `.VBXs` and `.DLLs` in your `\windows\system` directory.
3. Place `MBGEN.EXE` anywhere you wish.
4. Launch through traditional means. Program Manager, File/Run, etc.

Usage

1. Run `MBGen`.
2. Select the desired graphical and textual characteristics.
3. Click '*Preview*' to see your message box.
4. If you are satisfied, click '*Clip*' to write the associated code to the clipboard.
5. Locate where you want the code in your source and paste the text.
6. That's all there is to it.

Customizing

Message Box Generator 1.1 can be customized to a great extent. The following is a list of the customization options and an explanation of each.

Initial Run Style

When you launch `MBGEN`, it will start up in the selected mode, normal or minimized.

Minimize After Clip

When you click on the '*Clip*' button to paste code into the clipboard, `MBGEN` will automatically minimize itself if this option is checked.

Include REM Line

If this options is checked, the pasted code will include a `REM` line that includes `msgbox()` return values.

For example: ' Result: 1=OK

Variable Name

This this the text to be used as the variable in the pasted code.
In the case where RET is the variable name: RET=msgbox(...)

Number Of Tabs

This is the desired number of tabs to be inserted at the beginning of each line of generated code.

Default: Icon

This is the icon selection that will be initially marked when first entering MBGEN.

Default: Button

This is the buttons group selection that will be initially marked when first entering MBGEN.

Default: Default

This is the default button group button that will be initially selected when first entering MBGEN.
(Did that make sense?)

Default: Modal

This is the modal selection that will be initially marked when first entering MBGEN.

3D Box

If this is checked, the message box PREVIEW option will display a 3-D message box. **NOTE:**
This will NOT generate a 3-D message box inside your code. It will display a 3D box during
preview only. If you want 3-D boxes in your applications look around the MSBASIC forum on
CompuServe. There are plenty of packages that generate these effects. I use VBCTL3D and it's
great.

A Final Word

This program is not crippled in any way. I hope you find this program useful. If you do, let's
support the shareware concept. Send \$10 to:

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