

DEFINITION OF SHAREWARE

Shareware distribution gives users a chance to try software before buying it. If you try a Shareware program and continue using it, you are expected to register. Individual programs differ on details -- some request registration while others require it, some specify a maximum trial period. With registration, you get anything from the simple right to continue using the software to an updated program with printed manual.

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REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

Message Bar is a "shareware software product" and is provided at no charge to the user for evaluation. Feel free to share it with your friends, but please do not give it away altered or as part of another system. The essence of "user-supported" software is to provide personal computer users with quality software without high prices, and yet to provide incentive for programmers to continue to develop new products. This is not free software, if you continue to use Message Bar after a reasonable trial period, you MUST make a registration payment of \$15.00 to Paul King or discontinue use. In order for Paul King to be able to continue developing this product I must receive support from those people who use it. I receive no portion of any fees paid to shareware distributors.

If you do not continue to use the program, but would like to offer suggestions for future changes/enhancements to the program that would make it useful to you then send them to the address below. If any of your suggestions are implemented and you would like to be notified when they are made then indicate such and also include your address or Compuserve ID.

The \$15.00 registration fee will license non-exclusive rights to the source code and royalty free use of the uncrippled **MESSAGEB.DLL**.

Message Bar cannot be distributed for any kind of remuneration. See the file VENDOR.TXT for distribution requirements.

You are encouraged to pass a copy of Message Bar along to your friends for evaluation. Please encourage them to register their copy if they find that they can use it.

HOW TO REGISTER

When you execute the shareware version of the Message Bar DLL a shareware registration message is displayed at intervals during it's use. This message denotes this piece of software as an **evaluation copy only**. This message should remain in place and not be reverse engineered to remove it.

You can print the registration invoice directly by highlighting the file **REGISTER.WRI** in the file manager and select "Print" from the "File" menu. Then fill in the invoice.

Once the invoice has been completed mail it to:

Paul King
82 East Squire Drive Apt #1
Rochester, NY 14623

along with your payment.

If for some reason you would like more information, or have difficulty in reaching me my CompuServe ID is 71155,2667

Purchase orders and COD orders are not accepted.

WHAT YOU GET WITH REGISTRATION

- The latest version of the **MESSAGEB.DLL** and source code.
- Elimination of all shareware messages.
- A non-exclusive right to modify and distribute the DLL with and products you develop, royalty free.
- Notification of the next update.
- Low cost upgrades.
- A good feeling knowing you are supporting shareware.