BANanoVuetifyAD3 for Dummies

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Introduction

Welcome to BANanoVuetifyAD3 aka BVAD3

- BANano Vuetify AD3 is a B4J (Basic4Java) library that helps one create Web Apps / Web Sites using
 BANano and Vuetify. It is the first VueJS UX based library for BANano. This library is created by Anele
 Mbanga. It seeks to bring the power of Vuetify to BANano. With BVAD3 one codes their UX to life and
 then using BANano functionalities, one can build and then publish their web application.
- B4J is created by Anywhere Software. With it one is able to write Java applications in B4X, a VB (Visual Basic) like syntax code base and it produces native java apps that can run on Windows, Linux and Mac.
- BANano is created by Alain Bailleul. This helps anyone create websites and or webapps using VB-syntax. It generates pure JavaScript, CSS and HTML for the website/webapp. Apps created with it are SPAs (Single Page Applications) and or PWA(Progressive Web Apps) with the inclusion of web service workers (optional). BANano itself is UX framework independent and this means one can use their own framework of choice.
- <u>Vuetify</u> is a complete UI framework built on top of Vue.js. The goal of the project is to provide
 developers with the tools they need to build rich and engaging user experiences. Unlike other
 frameworks, Vuetify is designed from the ground up to be easy to learn and rewarding to master with
 hundreds of carefully crafted components from the Material Design specification

Things to remember

- BANanoVuetifyAD3 = BVAD3
- Single Page Applications = SPA
- Progressive Web App = PWA
- Basic4Java = B4J
- Visual Basic = VB

Things about Anywhere Software

- 1. There is a video based learning channel. Check it here.
- 2. With their B4A (Basic4Android) Now FREE, one can create completely native Android Apps.
- 3. With their B4i (Basic4iPhone), one can create completely native iPhone, iPad Apps
- 4. There are some coding <u>booklets</u> that have been written that can help you out with the B4X ecosystem, thanks to Klaus.

Let us prepare our development environment first

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Setting up the IDE

Developing on Windows PC

At the time of writing B4J only runs on Windows PC.

To be able to develop BVAD3 apps, you will need the following: You can click on each to download

1. B4J

There are instructions on the website on how to install and configure B4J. With it you will need Java JDK

8+. Just follow the instructions on how to set up your IDE and get it ready.



Create a folder structure: You can skip this step if your IDE is already set up

1. Create a folder named B4X in your C: drive, and then create the respective sub folders

C:\B4X\B4J\Shared - we will call this folder "shared"
C:\B4X\B4J\Libraries - we will call this folder "external libraries"
C:\B4X\B4J\Workspace - we will call this "workspace"

- The **shared** folder will store all code modules that have sharable code
- The external libraries will store all libraries from others users e.g. BANano & BVAD3 library.
- The workspace will store your project folders, e.g. projects we will create with BVM

We have B4X master folder because we can create the same structure for B4A and or B4I IDEs.

Test the readiness of your IDE

To test the readiness of your IDE, we will do 3 things.

1. Start B4J, in the menu click Tools > Configure Paths. A screen like this will appear.

Figure 2



- Ensure that the specified paths point to the correct locations.
- Additional Libraries should point to your external libraries path you created before
- Shared Modules should point to the shared path you created before. You click Ok to save any changed details.

2. BANano

Once downloaded, copy the contents of the **Library** folder to your external libraries folder e.g.C: \B4X\B4J\Libraries This library comes with some code examples on the usage of BANano. I have also written a nice <u>tutorial</u> on how one can get started with BANano. That will help you with the basics and also further experience on how to use BANano. As an example, one of the things you will see when writing BVAD3 code is the **BANanoEvent**.

NB: I greatly recommend that you go through this tutorial so that at least you have some understanding of BANano and what it does.

3. BANanoVuetifyAD3

Download the github repo and extract the contents to your working folder, e.g. C:\B4X\B4J\Workspace Open the Library folders inside BVAD3, double click the BANanoVuetifyAD3.b4j file to open b4j. Run the project. This depends on #2 above. Close the project. Your library will be compiled.

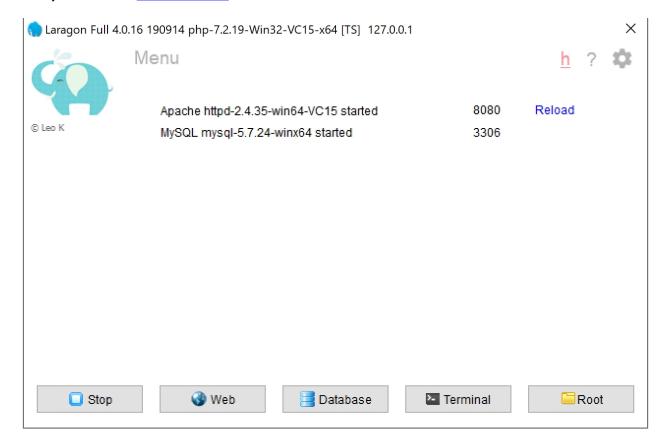
The structure of the BVAD3 github repo.

- 1. Library this contains the source code for the BVAD3 b4x library.
- 2. Demos a collection of demo projects created with BVAD3
- 3. Templates various BVAD3 templates

I am assuming you have briefed yourself about BANano (my tutorial and others) and now you are ready to explore BVAD3 code and its output. Going forward we will use our VB know how to create apps.

4. A webserver. I am using the <u>laragon</u> development web server for all my examples here. One can also use <u>XAMPP</u>

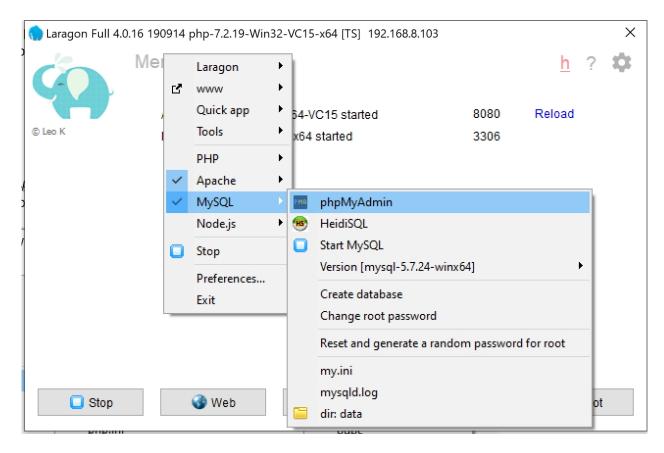
I am yet to test the <u>USBWebServer</u>.



MySQL Usage

- Laragon does not come installed with phpMyAdmin, thus, download phpMyAdmin
- Extract the folder to c:\laragon\etc\apps\phpMyAdmin
- The password is root.

Check that phpMyAdmin works



MSSQL Usage

Install PHP drivers for MSSQL

- Extract the files to C:\laragon\bin\php\php-7.2.19-\Win32-\VC15-x64\ext. This is the php extensions folder
- Activate the nts (non-thread-safe option)



Internet Information Server

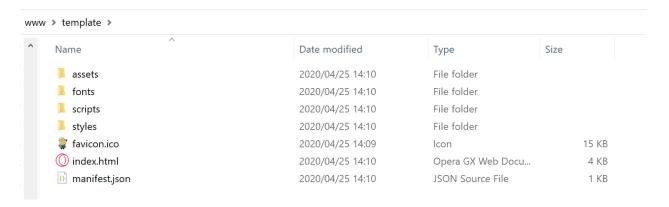
- 1. Install Web Platform Installer
- 2. Install PHP Manager

Install IIS from WPI.

2.5. Install an FTP tool

I am using <u>FileZilla</u> to upload my BVM apps to the interweb. The output of your website, will be saved to the folder that you told banano to publish on.

This structure will follow this pattern.



Explaining the folders

- 1. assets this stores all assets for the app e.g. images, json, and other files
- 2. fonts (optional for storing font fies)
- 3. scripts this folder has all your .js files
- 4. styles this folder has all your .css files

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Back-Ends

By default, when creating apps with the designer, BANanoSQL is the default backend. You can change your backend so that your app works with:

- 1. BANAnoSQL
- 2. SQLite
- 3. MySQL
- 4. MSSQL
- 5. FireBase

For the first 4, we have created a library called BANanoVueConnect and fore Firebase we have created a library called BANanoFireStoreDB. You can check the MealPrep demo project on how Firebase storage was used.

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Facts

Important things to know:

 Referencing state in BVAD3 should always be in lowercase e.g. {{ anotherone }} and DO NOT use {{ anotherOne }}

- States CANNOT be hyphened e.g. "my-name" should be "myname"
- States CANNOT have spaces or special characters
- VModel should not have spaces.

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