**How To Clone a VB Program**

Using Visual Studio, create a new project, and give it a name. A new folder will be created under C:/Users/Ackmann Family/Source/Repos (repositories), and the new folder will be named with the project name.

Rarely do I start a new project from scratch, but instead clone an existing project into the new folder. So, from the old project folder, copy all of the files from the donor folder to the new folder, replacing files when prompted, and rename them from the old project name to the new project name.

After renaming the files, use KEDIT (or Notepad or even MS Word) to modify the contents of the VBPROJ and .SLN files, replacing the old project name in the files with the new project name; e.g.: **C/Oldproject/newproject**/\*\* Also modify ***StartingTemplate.vs, StartingTemplate.sln and StartingTemplate.vbproj*** files.

Now we need to use KEDIT and modify the contents of three files in the MyProject subfolder, specifically Settings.Designer.VB, ***Resources.Designer.VB***, and the Application.Designer.VB changing all references from the old project name to the new project name as shown in the paragraph above.

Now, start Visual Studio and open the new project. In the Solutions Explorer window in the upper right, click on “Form1.VB” and change the name of the form to the new project name. The form layout will appear. Now double click anywhere in the form and the code window will appear. Change the code where file names are mentioned.

In the Solutions Explorer window, open the MyProjects entry, and in the “Applications” tab, change the values of the Assembly Name and the Root Namespace to the new project name.

You may need to get into the Toolbox and down in the Container section load the Open and Save file dialog boxes.

The new project should now run.