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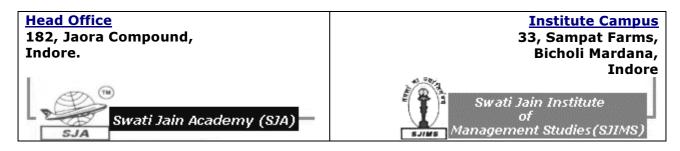
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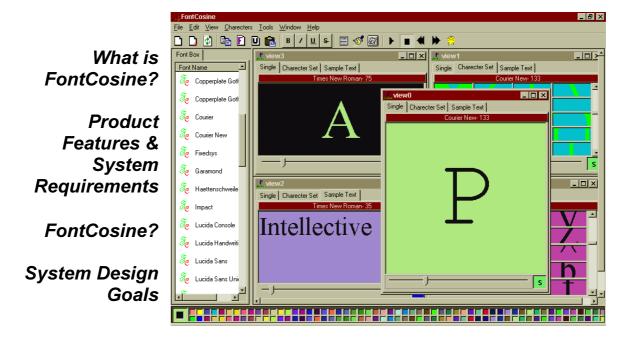
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What is Font Cosine?

FontCosine 1.0.12 is a 32-bit font comparing and previewing utility compatible with Microsoft Windows 9x/Me/Xp/2000 Operating Systems. Its aim is to provide the users ability for the first time, compare various fonts available on the system. Using FontCosine users can quickly and effortlessly find the font most appropriate to their document layout. Using FontCosine, users can compare fonts with their glyph styles as well as in various colors with any choosen foreground or background color. The built in font show utility lets the users to automatically iterate to each and every system font quickly and easily.

Revolution in computer technology has enabled P.C users to do a variety of jobs using a computer. Since windows 3.1, PC users have had access to the high quality Adobe and TrueType font engines. Thousands of typefaces are available from both large firms and independent design houses. TrueType fonts can now be found on many commercial online services and throughout the Internet. Traditional font houses such as such as Adobe, Bitstream, Émigré etc continue to release fresh and exciting typefaces.

Unfortunately this wide availability of fonts has created another headache for the designers. Now they have to choose their design font from am overwhelming number of fonts each one having a different look. This usually leads to frustration when a designer is trying to design the layout document and has to hundreds of fonts to choose from. In such a case he would have to spend quit some time going through each and every font on the system to see whether it is suitable for the layout. This same process had to be repeated for each and every element in the layout. Thus it can be easily seen that the designer is wasting a large subset of their time is searching for a suitable font for their document.

This situation becomes worst with application which do not provide users user friendly tools to preview their text before apply a style on it. For example tools like Adobe Photoshop do not provide a tools to assist the user in selecting a font. All that is provided is a combo box containing box filled with entries of all the system font and the users typically selects each item one by one to see the preview of the text.

Thus what really is needed is a general tool to preview fonts. This tool should provide assistance to the user in selecting the font which best matches their design. This is where FontCosine comes to the rescue.

Font Cosine is a tool for previewing these fonts on Windows 9x/Me systems. It works with both TrueType and Adobe Type 1 (ATM) fonts. It's aimed at users who deal in fonts regularly. As system can have a large number of installed fonts & going through all of them and to choose which one fits best to a particular scene can be a very cumbersome processes, especially when the number of fonts installed is very large. Present Font previewing utilities do not provide much features to make this job easier. Aiming this need in mind, we wrote FontCosine; a complete Font Previewing Utility. FontCosine is made with the users in mind and is aimed at making working with font a lot more easier and faster. We are assured that FontCosine will make the job of finding fonts joy and fun instead of a nightmare.



Product Features & System Requirements

Features

FontCosine includes many features to make working with fonts easier and fun.

Font Viewing & Comparisons

- ✓ A familiar windows interface to make it easier to learn.
- ✓ A Multiple Document Interface to enable users to compare any number of fonts with each other
- ✓ A very large Color palette helps user to view fonts is any available color changing either its foreground of its background.
- ✓ A view sync which can sync any number of views to each other so that the user can have great flexibility while comparing fonts
- ✓ Font can be either viewed in single character view, Character-set or Sample Text View for greater flexibility.
- ✓ Each view can has its own unique Font, Font-Style, Font-Size, Foreground Color & Background Color.
- ✓ Font Show to view any view or Synced views in all the available system fonts in one after another.
- ✓ "My chars" menu to help you quickly paste to any particular custom character or word to a view.
- ✓ Formatted text of a view can be easily pasted in any word processor that supports Rich Text Format with any loss in format.
- ✓ Innovative features like View-Cloner and View-Painter to make working with views easier.

Extensible Environment

- ✓ A Custom "Launch Pad" menu to launch you custom application from Fontcosine 's interface itself in a fly.
- ✓ A custom "My Chars" enables the user switch to a custom characters or phrases on a fly.
- ✓ Fast and optimized code ensures you get the best out of you system and Fontcosine.

Great Value

✓ FREE ONLINE UPGRADE to FontCosine 2.0 for all the registered users of FontCosine version 1.0

System Requirements

- ✓ Microsoft Windows 9x / Me, Windows 2000/NT and Windows XP.
- ✓ Pentium II 200MHz or Higher.
- ✓ 16 M.B System RAM
- ✓ 10 M.B Free Hard Disk Space.

? Why FontCosine?

Revolution in computer technology has made Desktop Publishing possible. Tools for publishing have reached a level where anyone even an armature can create great looking work with very little effort. These publishing tools which include text-processing tools like Microsoft Word and Image Processing Tools like Adobe Photoshop etc. provide the user all sort of functionality to create marvelous looking designs for page layout.

A truly great page layout design is one which places proper elements of information at their proper place. This elements should be designed such that they stress on what is important and instead on what is not. This makes it mandatory to choose a proper font for the given element. If the selection of font is not proper it is the design that will ultimately suffer.

This constraint of choosing the best possible font for every element in the page layout makes the jobs of designers more like a hell. Any system dedicated to DTP usually has hundreds of fonts installed and the designer/artist has to go through all the fonts one by one to select the best possible match of fonts.

This task is usually made further difficulty due to the fact that many publishing tools aren't well equipped with tools to make this iteration over fonts easier. Thus an artist usually spends hours in selection of fonts instead of concentrating on its design.

One more caveat that is usually faced by many computers users who are just using a text processing tool. Many a times a tool does not provides its user the font style they need in their document. In that case users are forced to choose an alternate style of text. For example the font selection interface of WordPad does not provide way to write rotated text over the screen. If I wanted to incorporate rotated text into my document then I was simply out of luck would had to change my mind.

Thus a tool that can make up for the inadequacy of tool used by the users should exist that simply integrates with the existing tools and provide services that they don't.

- ❖ A tool that assists its users in find the best possible font for their design.
- ❖ A tool to select the best possible color for a given font.
- ❖ A general tool that has a uniform interface such that users can reuse the same tool and interface even when working with many different DTP tools.
- ❖ And a tool that make the dream of comparison possible.

FontCosine was built with above requirements in mind. From the very start we were convinced that in order to solve all the problems being faced by the users one has to provide a general tool to manage, compare and preview fonts available on the system

The name 'FontCosine' derived from the geometric term 'Direction Cosine' which is a set numeric values that provides the sense of direction of a font. In other word they tell us numerically the direction where the vector is headed. FontCosine in the very same way provides the sense of relevance of a given font to a provided design context.

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[todo]System Design Goals

Below are the guiding design goals/ specifications for the development the FontCosine:-

- ✓ FontCosine must act as general tool for font management.
- ✓ It must supplement as well as complement services that are provided by the publishing tools in choosing or viewing a particular font.
- ✓ Since iteration through each and every system font is a common activity the interface should provide the user with a tool to iterate over all the fonts quickly.
- ✓ Since searching for a given symbol in a given font is also a common activity tools to view the character-set of a font should be present moreover it must be possible to print this character set as a hard copy on paper.
- ✓ In order to make font comparison possible the system should provide the users a way to view number of fonts at a same time. This means that the interface needs to be based on Multiple Document Interface.
- ✓ The System should expose all the details about the fonts to the users. This also includes various styles options like 'bold', 'italics' etc faces should also viewable to the user.
- ✓ Font comparison must also be available in case of variations of font color in different foreground or background color schemes.
- ✓ The system will be distributed via Shareware. In this case the system should incorporate a scheme by which the system automatically locks itself after 30 days of installation of the computer. The scheme should be robust enough to able to withstand attacks of sundry users as well as crackers.
- ✓ The system must provide the users a way by which they can unlock the product by purchasing a valid end user license from intellective solutions group.
- ✓ The project must provide all necessary documentation to the end users.
- ✓ The project should be well planned and should follow most of the formal methods of Software Engineering. It should be completed with 2-3 month of time.

THE PROJECT

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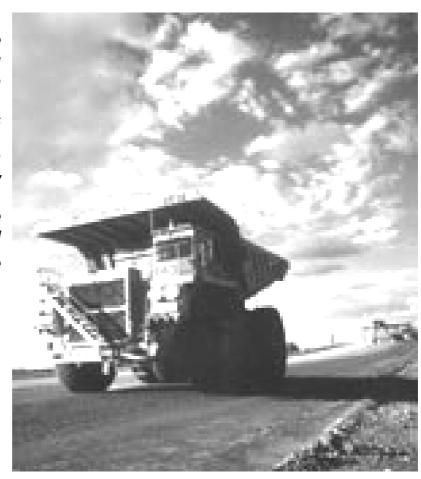
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Software Engineering Paradigm

Software systems come and go through a series of passages that account for their inception, initial development, productive operation, upkeep, and retirement from one generation to another. This section explains the methods and model using which FontCosine 1.0 was developed. It begins an introduction to the explanation of how Software Engineering Principals were applied to the development process and in selection of tools to produce the final product that meets the speciation of mentioned in the previous section. The section ends with the final design draft for coding the project.

Introduction

Software engineering is the computer science discipline concerned with developing large applications. Software engineering covers not only the technical aspects of building software systems, but also management issues, such as directing programming teams, scheduling, and budgeting. The Institute Of Electrical and Electronic Engineers -IEEE describes Software Engineering as:

"Software engineering. (1) The application of a systematic, disciplined, quantifiable approach to the development, operation, and maintenance of software; that is, the application of engineering to software. (2) The study of approaches as in (1)"

IEEE Std 610-1990.

Today any person who is developing software for an individual or an organization must follow the principals of Software Engineering in order to produce software quickly and efficiently. Ignorance or Negligence of these principles mostly results in project failure or software that does not meet the user expectations.

According to the principals of Software Engineering all Software Project should pass through some phases during their development cycle. This pursuance of a phases that act as a milestones to the project development process is known as he Software Life Cycle Model. The classic software life cycle models usually include some version or subset of the following activities:

System Initiation/Planning: where do systems come from? In most situations, new feasible systems replace or supplement existing information processing mechanisms whether they were previously automated, manual, or informal.

Requirement Analysis and Specification: identifies the problems a new software system is suppose to solve, its operational capabilities, its desired performance characteristics, and the resource infrastructure needed to support system operation and maintenance.

Functional Specification or Prototyping: identifies and potentially formalizes the objects of computation, their attributes and relationships, the operations that transform these objects, the constraints that restrict system behavior, and so forth.

Partition and Selection (Build vs. Buy vs. Reuse): given requirements and functional specifications, divide the system into manageable pieces that denote logical subsystems, then determine whether new, existing, or reusable software systems correspond to the needed pieces.

Architectural Design and Configuration Specification: defines the interconnection and resource interfaces between system subsystems, components, and modules in ways suitable for their detailed design and overall configuration management.

Detailed Component Design Specification: defines the procedural methods through which the data resources within the modules of a component are transformed from required inputs into provided outputs.

Component Implementation and Debugging: codifies the preceding specifications into operational source code implementations and validates their basic operation.

Software Integration and Testing: affirms and sustains the overall integrity of the software system architectural configuration through verifying the consistency and completeness of implemented modules, verifying the resource interfaces and interconnections against their specifications, and validating the performance of the system and subsystems against their requirements.

Documentation Revision and System Delivery: packaging and rationalizing recorded system development descriptions into systematic documents and user guides, all in a form suitable for dissemination and system support.

Deployment and Installation: providing directions for installing the delivered software into the local computing environment, configuring operating systems parameters and user access privileges, and running diagnostic test cases to assure the viability of basic system operation.

Training and Use: providing system users with instructional aids and guidance for understanding the system's capabilities and limits in order to effectively use the system.

Software Maintenance: sustaining the useful operation of a system in its host/target environment by providing requested functional enhancements, repairs, performance improvements, and conversions.

All these phases were well taken into account during the development of FontCosine 1.0. Each iteration through the above mentioned phases integrated new set of features with the application.



FontCosine 1.0 is a 32bit program, which runs on Microsoft Windows compatible operating system. Following tools were used in development of FontCosine.



Microsoft Visual Basic

Microsoft Visual Basic is the fastest and easiest way to create applications for Microsoft Windows®. Whether one is an experienced professional or brand new to Windows programming, Visual Basic provides a complete set of tools to simplify rapid application development. Since most persons of our development team were new to windows programming, Visual Basic provided us excellent tool to enter into the world of windows programming. Please see the next section for a detailed overview of Visual Basic.



Microsoft Word 2000

Microsoft Word 2000, a member of Microsoft Office 2000 suit is one of the most popular and comprehensive word processing tool available in the market. It provides almost every thing that every user expects from a word processor. It can both be used for day-to-day work like writing a letter as well as for designing and publishing commercial documents. Microsoft Word 2000 was used to write product documentation files, which were than compiled by the help workshop to produce the final, help files



Microsoft Help Workshop Help Workshop is a program that is used to create Help (.hlp) files, edit project and contents files, and test and report on help files. Help Workshop takes the information in the project (.hpj) file to combine the topic (.rtf) files, bitmaps, and other sources into one Help file that can be viewed using the Microsoft Windows Help program. The compiled help files can also be linked to from an application to provide context sensitive help for dialog boxes. Entire online documentation of FontCosine 1.0 is compiled using The Help Workshop.



Microsoft Paint

Microsoft Paint is one of the most basic drawing tool which is provided free with Microsoft Windows. It sports an easy to use interface and very small requirements for system resources. It was used to draw various shapes like circles, lines etc as these tools were missing from Adobe Photoshop.



Adobe Photoshop

In world of Desktop Publishing Adobe Photoshop is to image processing what Microsoft Word is for text processing. One of the most comprehensive image manipulation tool till date providing tools right from basic tonal balance of a photograph to sophisticated features to incorporate alpha blending with in the photos. This tool has become an industry standard to judge the other image manipulation tools.

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In Visual Basic the "Visual" part refers to the method used to create the graphical user interface (GUI). Rather than writing numerous lines of code to describe the appearance and location of interface elements, you simply drag and drop pre-built objects into place on screen. If you've ever used a drawing program such as Paint, you already have most of the skills necessary to create an effective user interface.

The "Basic" part refers to the BASIC (Beginners All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) language, a language used by more programmers than any other language in the history of computing. Visual Basic has evolved from the original BASIC language and now contains several hundred statements, functions, and keywords, many of which relate directly to the Windows GUI. Beginners can create useful applications by learning just a few of the keywords, yet the power of the language allows professionals to accomplish anything that can be accomplished using any other Windows programming language.

The Visual Basic programming language is not unique only to Visual Basic. The Visual Basic programming system, Applications Edition included in Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, and many other Windows applications uses the same language. The Visual Basic programming system, Scripting Edition (VBScript) for Internet programming is a subset of the Visual Basic language. Thus the investment in learning Visual Basic will carry over to these other areas as Well. Infact all the tools from Microsoft that support scripting supports Visual Basic code as well.

The Evolution of Visual Basic.

<u>Visual Basic 1.0:</u> Visual Basic for Windows was first released on May 20, 1991 at the Windows World convention in Atlanta Georgia. In September 1992, Microsoft announced Microsoft Visual Basic for MS-DOS in Standard and Professional editions. Like Visual Basic for Windows, this version combined the ease of graphical design with the power and versatility of traditional programming. Developers simply drew the user interface and attached code that responded to events. However, following the release of Windows 3.1 in March 1992 it became apparent that the DOS environment had come to the end of its useful life. The last version of MS-DOS, 6.22, was released in 1994.

<u>Visual Basic 2.0:</u> VB 2.0 for Windows (November 1992) was faster, more powerful and easier to use than version 1. VB 2 was also available in a freeware student release called the Primer edition. Visual Basic 3.0 (1993) added tools to access and control databases and Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) version 2. It came in Standard and Professional versions. A superset of VB, called Visual Basic for Applications, was released as part of Microsoft Excel 5 and Microsoft Project 4 in 1993. It has since become the internal

programming language of the Microsoft Office family of products, and is available for license by other software companies.

<u>Visual Basic 4</u>: was released in 1995 and supported the new Windows 95 family of 32-bit operating systems. The Professional Edition could also compile code to run on the older 16-bit Windows 3.x systems. Visual Basic Scripting Edition (VBScript) was also announced in 1995. VBScript is used to write embedded code for inclusion in web pages, although not all web browsers will run VBScript.

<u>Visual Basic 5:</u> With the introduction of Visual Basic version 5 in early 1997, 16-bit systems were no longer supported. Between versions 4 and 5, significant changes were made in the user interface. Visual Basic 5 added, among other things, the ability to create true executables and to create your own custom controls. It also supported Microsoft's Active-X technology. Visual Basic 5 was available in Standard (Learning), Professional and Enterprise Editions. A free edition, called Control Creation Edition, could be downloaded from www.microsoft.com, and was included with many textbooks. Visual Basic 5 was also included as part of a package known as Visual Studio 97.

<u>Visual Basic 6</u>: VB6 was introduced in 1998 and was included as part of a package known as Visual Studio 6.0. VB6 added new capabilities in the areas of data access, Internet features, controls, component creation, language features and wizards. To quote Microsoft's web site, "Visual Basic 6.0 features provide graphical, integrated data access to any ODBC or OLE DB data source, and additional database-design tools for Oracle and Microsoft SQL ServerTM-based databases. New Web development features bring the easy-to-use, component-based programming model of Visual Basic to the creation of HTML- and Dynamic HTML (DHTML)-based applications." Many organizations are still using this version today.

<u>Visual Basic .NET:</u> The newest version of Visual Basic, sometimes referred to as VB7 or Visual Basic .NET, was released in February 2002. This product is a part of Microsoft's .NET software initiative, designed to produce XML-based applications for the Microsoft Internet environment. A 2002 Microsoft Web article said, "At first glance, it may appear to you that Visual Basic .NET is so radically different from what you know that you will have to learn it all over again."

Features Of Visual Basic

Whether the goal is to create a small utility for an individual himself or for a work group, a large enterprise-wide system, or even distributed applications spanning the globe via the Internet, Visual Basic has the tools a programmer needs.

- ✓ Data access features allow to create databases and front-end applications for most popular database formats, including Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle and other enterprise-level databases.
- ✓ ActiveXTM technologies allow use of functionality provided by other applications, such as Microsoft Word word processor, Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and other Windows applications. One can even automate applications and objects created using the Professional or Enterprise editions of Visual Basic.
- ✓ Internet capabilities make it easy to provide access to documents and applications across the Internet from within the application.
- ✓ The compiled application is a true .exe file that uses a run-time dynamic-link library (DLL) that can be freely distributed.

Drawbacks of Visual Basic

Although VB is one of the most popular programming tool currently begin used in the industry, it has some major short comings.

- Compiled VB code do not show kind of speed and scalability of code produced by C++ or other languages. Moreover all executables produced from VB required Microsoft Visual Basic Virtual Machine which is dll of form MSVBVMXX.dll residing in the system directory of the computer. This dll needs to be delegates all the call from the application to underlying Operating System.
- Application written in VB cannot be in any way ported to other operating systems or machine architectures unless Microsoft has ported Visual Basic to that environment.
- Although VB exposes many features of ActiveX/COM through its intuitive interface yet it does not exposes all the features and capabilities of COM. In order to fully utilize the awesome power of COM one has to still head toward the realm of C/C++.
- Most of the development in visual basic centers around third party components. Although custom controls can be build in VB but they the speed and usability of components created using C/C++. Infact most of the third party components are created using Visual C++.
- X Visual basic code is hard to reuse unless it is wrapped in an ActiveX Component.

Why Visual Basic Is Used For FontCosine 1.0?

Although VB has some major drawbacks but still it is one of the easiest tool to create windows apps. Since we didn't have any pervious of windows programming, we went for VB it is very easy to learn and can be mastered in a very short time. However since the resulting code was bulky we decided to switch to a more powerful environment of Visual C++ later on. Thus FontCosine 1.0 was built using Visual Basic but FontCosine 2.0 will be build using Visual C++.

Visual Basic Editions

Visual Basic is available in three versions, each geared to meet a specific set of development requirements.

- O The Visual Basic Learning edition allows programmers to easily create powerful applications for Microsoft Windows®. It includes all intrinsic controls, plus grid, tab, and data-bound controls.
- O The Professional edition provides computer professionals with a full-featured set of tools for developing solutions for others. It includes all the features of the Learning edition, plus additional ActiveX controls, including Internet controls, and the Crystal Report Writer.
- O The Enterprise edition allows professionals to create robust distributed applications in a team setting. It includes all the features of the Professional edition, plus the Automation Manager, Component Manager, database management tools, the Microsoft Visual SourceSafeTM project-oriented version control system, and more.

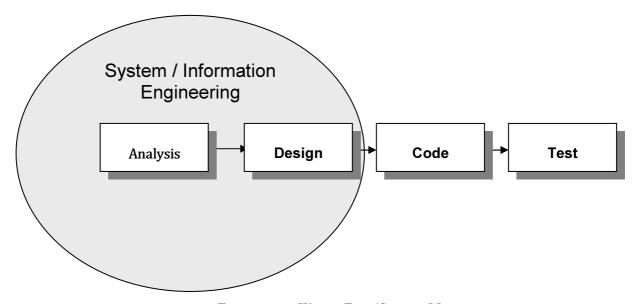


The Software Process Model

Software process models often represent a networked sequence of activities, objects, transformations, and events that embody strategies for accomplishing software evolution. Such models can be used to develop more precise and formalized descriptions of software life cycle activities. Their power emerges from their utilization of a sufficiently rich notation, syntax, or semantics, often suitable for computational processing. These model encapsulate all the necessary sub processes & tools to produce the final product.

Software process models are networks that can be viewed as representing multiple interconnected task chains. Task chains represent a non-linear sequence of actions that structure and transform available computational objects (resources) into intermediate or finished products. Non-linearity implies that the sequence of actions may be non-deterministic, iterative, accommodate multiple/parallel alternatives, as well as partially ordered to account for incremental progress. Task actions in turn can be viewed a non-linear sequences of primitive actions which denote atomic units of computing work, such as a user's selection of a command or menu entry using a mouse or keyboard.

Traditional Software model is what is known as the waterfall model.

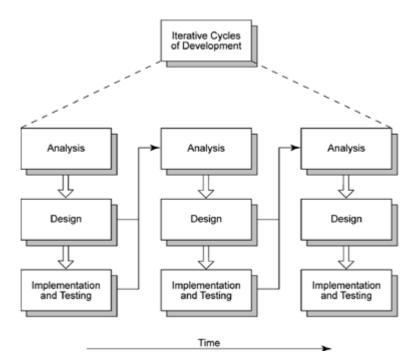


TRADITIONAL WATER FALL/CLASSIC MODEL

The classic software life cycle is often represented as a simple prescriptive waterfall software phase model, where software evolution proceeds through an orderly sequence of transitions from one phase to the next in order. Such models resemble finite state machine descriptions of software evolution. However, these models have been perhaps most useful in helping to structure, staff, and manage large software development projects in complex organizational settings, which was one of the primary purposes. Alternatively, these classic models have been widely characterized as both poor descriptive and prescriptive models of how software development "in-the-small" or "in-the-large" can or should occur. Figure above provides a common view of the waterfall model for software development attributed to Mr. Roger S Pressman.

The Incremental Process Model

The incremental model combines elements of the linear sequential model with the iterative philosophy of prototyping. The incremental model applies linear sequences in orderly fashion as the time progresses. Each sequence delivers a deliverable product.



ITERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE APPROACH

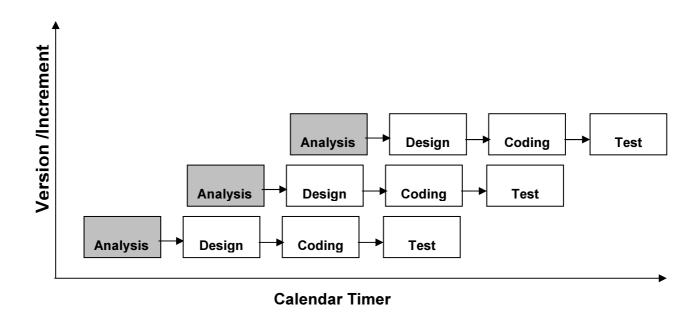
When an Incremental model is used the first increment is often a core product. That is, basic requirements are addressed but many subsequent features (know or unknown) are left undelivered. These core product is delivered and goes under a detailed review after which a plan for the next iteration is sketched out. This plan takes into consideration the changes requested to the previous version by the customer, and features that aren't yet addressed. The whole process in repeated in this way until the final product is delivered. It should be noted that each iteration can also follow the prototyping model.

Incremental model focuses primarily on delivery of a working product as early as possible in the development process. The working product produces after each iteration reorients the development team towards the achievement of the final product. Moreover any changes to the product specification made during the development process can easily be adapted to as compaired to other process models. Thus incremental is a perfect model for projects having attributes to being dynamic. Moreover the final product usually achives Higher Quality Rating as almost all of the customer requirements are addressed in the final release.

A drawback of the Incremental model is that it usually takes longer to develop the final product as compared to other processes. This can lead to serious problems in projects having a very tight time window. Moreover the iterative method makes no sense if the specs of the final product are known and understood thoroughly.

In development of FontCosine this model was adopted, as the development team was new to Visual Basic Environment and the model made it possible for them to create the application as they learn Visual Basic.

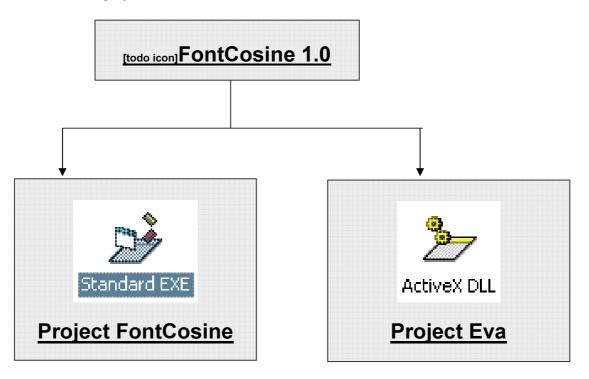
PROCESS MODEL FOR FONTCOSINE



Since there was no time frame set for the project completion we were able freely producing product increments. Also the model made it possible to implements valuable suggestions provided by friends and colleagues. This model made it possible for us to achieve almost 90% of our design goals. However this accuracy in attaining the design goals could not be carried forward to the estimate time taken for the project. The project required 200% more time of what was the estimate.

Project Outline

After finally deciding the tools, process methods and design goals of FontCosine we arrived at the Design of FontCosine. Here we have distributed the project specs provided in section 1 to two sub projects.



Project Eva

Project Eva aims at an ActiveX dll component that confirms that the User has a valid serial number to run the application. If he does not has the than provide him access till 30 days past the installation of the program. The component should remind the user each time the application starts about the evaluation period and should provide him with necessary info about the registration The component should also be able to withstand following situations:

- ✓ Change of system date in attempt to fool the software in providing more number of days to evaluate
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Project FontCosine

Project FontCosine will build an the main application program that should provide the users with an interface that enables him to:

- ✓ Simultaneously compare two or more number of fonts available on the system, each in its own unique size, color and style. Preferably the application should provide an Multi-Document Interface with child windows and each window should have its own font and color setting.
- ✓ Provide a method by which users can iterate through the whole font list quickly and easily.
- ✓ A color grid should be provided through which the user can select both the foreground as well as the background color of then shown text in a given font.
- ✓ Application should provide user with a way through which they can see all the symbols present in the font.
- ✓ Provide the users way to launch their favorite application right from the main interface.
- ✓ Provide a detailed help subsystem to the user.
- ✓ Since the interface is MDI based the application should provide a way to lock two or more view panes in such a way that any change any one of the locked pane is reflected in all the other locked panes.

Explanations for Dropped Specifications

Since we are programming in Visual Basic we cannot give much importance to application speed and performance since it's a race that is bound to be lost by us.

Since our knowledge about Visual Basic is limited we have to drop the spec of providing the user about the information about the font file like the author's name etc.

For the very same reason as said above we are dropping the feature of printing the character set of a font on the printer.

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Design & Architecture

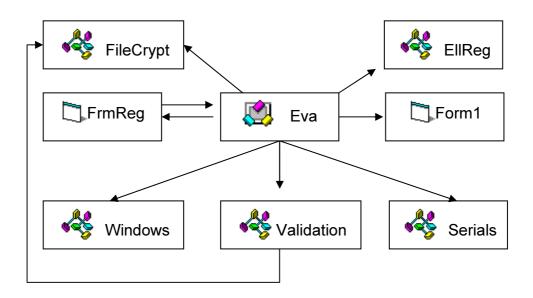
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Authentication File Format

The Authentication File is an important file needed for the proper functioning of the Evaluation Component. It stores all the necessary and critical registration information by which the component decides whether the user can use the program or not.

Record Format

Each record in the authentication is a fixed length record having length of 15 characters. All the information to be stored needs to be serialized to a record. Data requiring more length can use more than one record.

Record Structure: {char [15];}

File Layout

The file layout should be like shown below. It contains some reductant records to make job of cracker difficult. The File should not have fixed format instead it should constantly change positions of critical record in order to prevent mapping attacks. Thus each file should contain a record specifying the starting record number of the critical data. This record also known as STA(Start At) record is to be positioned at record number 8 of the file. All the other record should than be filled with random reluctant data. Below is the list of valid records in the file all the other records contain garbage text:

Record Name: Encryption Header

Location: Record no 2 Data: text"2SinCos"

Explanation: the second record should be a reluctant record in order to check the

integrity of the file. if the second record is decrypted to text

"2SinCos" than the decryption key is valid.

Record Name: Date Accessed

Location: Record no 6

Data: date

Explanation: the second record should contain the date the file was last accessed.

this information is stored in order to prevent lapses by system clock

changes.

Record Name: Time Accessed

Location: Record no 4

Data: date

Explanation: the second record should contain the time the file was last accessed.

this information is stored in order to prevent lapses by system clock

changes.

Record Name: StartAt Record

Location: Record no 8

Data: number

Explanation: the StartAt Record should contain the starting record number of the

user information. this record is used to change the file layout

Record Name: Username Record

Location: STA+0 - STA+1

Data: char

Explanation: the Username Record should contain the name of the registered user. the

name is of maximum length 30 chars thus two record are required to store the data. this data is than used to calculate valid serial number for

the user.

Record Name: Company Record

Location: STA+2 - STA+4

Data: char

Explanation: the Company Record should contain the name of the registered

organization. the name is of maximum length 30 chars thus two record

are required to store the data.

Record Name: Serial Record Location: STA+5 - STA+6

Data: char

Explanation: the Serial Record should contain the registration no. of the user. At run

time this data is compared to the code generated by Username record to confirm the validity of evaluation license the name is of maximum length

30 chars thus two record are required to store the data.

File Name & Location

The authentication file is named as 'regt.txi' and is created in the windows system directory.



'Eva the main class module manages the registration and authentication of the user .It provides is the only public class in the component. It processes the checks the users data to see whether the evaluation period has expired or it has a valid serial number.



Filename : Serials.bas



Events

Public Event DD() 'Invalid User Signaled Public Event validate(name As String, company As String, serial As String) ' the user has successfully passed the security



Function & Subroutines

Private Sub Class Initialize() 'Decides whether or not to show the reminder screen to the user by using the authentication data

Sub filereset() 'resets the file to allow the application to continue after the expiration period

Private Sub Command2 Click() 'event handler for command button to unload the reminder form

Private Sub frreg validate(name As String, com As String, code As String) 'event handler for registration form

Private Sub Command 1 Click() 'event handler for command button to unload the reminder form



Data Members

Private filenum As Long 'stores the handle to the opened authentication file Private sta As Long 'stores the starting address of the user data Private key As String 'stores the current Encryption/Decryption key

'stores the user name Private username As String Private company As String 'stores the user name Private serial As String 'stores the user name Private ins dat As Date 'stores the Installation date

unload me not As Boolean 'whether to unload the registration form or not

do not mutate me As Boolean

'whether to reencrypt the authentication file

WithEvents Timer1 As Timer 'Event dispatcher for the event timer

WithEvents frmmain As Form 'Event dispatcher for the reminder form

WithEvents Command2 As CommandButton

'Event dispatcher for the reminder form command button

WithEvents Command1 As CommandButton

Event dispatcher for the reminder form command button

WithEvents frreg As Frmreg 'Event dispatcher for the registration form



Code Module Validation

Validation code module manages the retrieval and checking of the authentication data from authentication file. It also provides services to check the integrity of file data and the file itself.



Filename : Serials.bas



<u>Function & Subr</u>outines

Public do not mutate As Boolean 'do not change the file

Function check header() As Boolean

'Checks the key validity by decrypting the file header for text '2SinCos' ' return true on failure and false on success

Function date check() As Boolean

'Checks whether the current date is greater than or equal to the date appli 'cation was opened returns true on success and false on failure

Function file integrety check() As Boolean

'checks the integrety of the athenticatio file by first checking the file header'then checking the date to detect any tempering with system clock

Function get key() As String

'return the encryption key retrived from the system registry 'returns the default key if fails to find one

Sub save key(keyy As String)

'saves the encryption key to the system registry

Function get date last() As Date

'returns the last date the application was opened 'if an error occurs than returns curdate+100

Function get company() As String

'retrives the company name from record number startat+2,+3

Function get username() As String

'retrives the username name from record number startat +0, +1

Function get serialnumber() As String

'get the product serial(registration number) from record number stat '+4,+5

Function get insdate() As Date 'get installation date from record number stat+6'return curdate-100 on failure

Sub mutate() 'mutates(changes) the file as per the key generated key

Function validate user(username As String, companyname As String, serial As String) 'checks wheather the username company name and serial number match



Public key changed As Boolean 'whether the key has being changed

Public filenum As Long, 'the handle to the file

Public sta As Long 'the starting record

Public key As String 'encryption key and



Code Module Serials

Serials Code module provides routines to generate Valid Registration numbers out of the provided string. This generated code is then compared to the Registration code provided by the user.



Filename: Serials.bas

Function & Subroutines

Function get serial(name As String) As String 'generates the serial number from the given string Private Function clocker(valu As Currency) As Long 'normalizes the given number to be less 257 by repeted devision by 10



'Algorithms

Generation Of Registration Numbers

let nm be a string containg name as charecter array let sr be a string containg the generated serial as charecter array let mat be an array[30] of numbers

- 1. resize nm to size 30 by padding or tuncuating
- 2. store the ascii value of each charecter in corrosponding element in mat
- 3. store the last digit of ascii value of last charecter of nn in i
- 4. repeat i times
- 4.1 repeat 30 times
- 4.1.1 multiply each element of mat by 2 and add 1 to it
- 4.2 repeat 29 times
- 4.2.1 add each element to its succedin element except element 1
- 4.3 normalize each charector in mat
- 5 repeat 30 times
- 5.1 if the current element in mat is a valid english alphabet then concate it to sr else concate the numeric value of the element to sr
- 6. resize sr to size 30 by padding or tuncuating



Code Module FileCrypt

Manages the encryption & decryption of user data and procedures to store this information inside the file. It contains routines to encrypt, decrypt data record types and to store or retrieve these records to the authentication data file.



Filename: File_Crypt.bas



Data Members

Public Dexter As Boolean data record type (key As String * 15,data As String * 15)



Function & Subroutines

Function get record(filenumber As Long, rec number As Long, Optional key As String) As String 'retrives the record number from the given file handle and decrypts it either with the provided key or with the default key

Sub put record(filenumber As Long, data As String, Optional rec no As Long, Optional key As String) 'puts the given string data in the authentication file at the specified record number if 0 record number is given then data is appended to the end of the file

Function genkey() As String 'generates a random encryption key

Function crypt(data As String, Optional keyy As String) As record

'encrypts the given data with provided or with a generated key and returns 'record type

Function uncrypt(data As record) As String 'uncrypts(decrypts) the given record data with stored encryption key



'Algorithms

Encryption of data

let 'data' be data to be encrypted as String let keyy be the encryption key as String let encdat be the encrypted data 1.resize data to 15 by truncuating and padding

2. Randomize the rand generator

3.repeat i from 1 to 15

- 3.1 store the ith charecter in k
- 3.2 store the ascii value of ith key charector in ii
- 3.3 add the numeric value of ii to charecter value of k
- 3.4 concate k to the encda

Decryption of data

let 'data' be data to be dcrypted as String let keyy be the dencryption key as String let dencdat be the dencrypted data

1.repeat i from 1 to 15

1.1 store the ith charecter in k

1.2 store the ascii value of ith key charector in ii

1.3 subtract the numeric value of ii to charecter value of k

1.4 concate k to the dencdat



Code Module EllReg

Manages the interface to the system registry. It contains routines to retrive ,store, delete information from the registry.



Filename: eva reg.bas



Data Members

'Security Mask constants

Public Const READ CONTROL = &H20000

Public Const SYNCHRONIZE = &H100000

Public Const STANDARD_RIGHTS_ALL = &H1F0000

Public Const STANDARD RIGHTS READ = READ CONTROL

Public Const STANDARD_RIGHTS_WRITE = READ_CONTROL

Public Const KEY QUERY VALUE = &H1

Public Const KEY SET VALUE = &H2

Public Const KEY CREATE SUB KEY = &H4

Public Const KEY ENUMERATE SUB KEYS = &H8

Public Const KEY NOTIFY = &H10

Public Const KEY CREATE LINK = &H20

Public Const KEY ALL ACCESS = ((STANDARD RIGHTS ALL Or

KEY QUERY VALUE Or

KEY SET VALUE Or KEY CREATE SUB KEY Or

KEY ENUMERATE_SUB_KEYS Or KEY_NOTIFY Or _

KEY_CREATE_LINK) And (Not SYNCHRONIZE))

Public Const KEY READ = ((STANDARD RIGHTS READ Or

KEY_QUERY_VALUE Or

KEY ENUMERATE SUB KEYS Or KEY NOTIFY) And (Not SYNCHRONIZE))

Public Const KEY EXECUTE = ((KEY READ) And (Not SYNCHRONIZE))

Public Const KEY_WRITE = ((STANDARD_RIGHTS_WRITE Or KEY_SET_VALUE

Or KEY_CREATE_SUB_KEY) And (Not SYNCHRONIZE))

'Possible registry data types

Public Enum InTypes

ValNull = 0

ValString = 1

ValXString = 2

ValBinary = 3

ValDWord = 4

ValLink = 6

ValMultiString = 7

ValResList = 8

End Enum

'Registry value type definitions

Public Const REG NONE As Long = 0

Public Const REG SZ As Long = 1

Public Const REG EXPAND SZ As Long = 2

Public Const REG_BINARY As Long = 3

Public Const REG DWORD As Long = 4

Public Const REG LINK As Long = 6

Public Const REG MULTI SZ As Long = 7

Public Const REG RESOURCE LIST As Long = 8

'Registry section definitions

Public Const HKEY CLASSES ROOT = &H80000000

Public Const HKEY CURRENT USER = &H80000001

Public Const HKEY LOCAL MACHINE = &H80000002

Public Const HKEY USERS = &H80000003

Public Const HKEY PERFORMANCE DATA = &H80000004

Public Const HKEY CURRENT CONFIG = &H80000005

Public Const HKEY DYN DATA = &H80000006

' Codes returned by Reg API calls

Private Const ERROR NONE = 0

Private Const ERROR BADDB = 1

Private Const ERROR BADKEY = 2

Private Const ERROR CANTOPEN = 3

Private Const ERROR CANTREAD = 4

Private Const ERROR CANTWRITE = 5

Private Const ERROR OUTOFMEMORY = 6

Private Const ERROR INVALID PARAMETER = 7

Private Const ERROR ACCESS DENIED = 8

Private Const ERROR INVALID PARAMETERS = 87

Private Const ERROR NO MORE ITEMS = 259



Function & Subroutines

Public Sub WriteRegistry(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String, ByVal key As String, ByVal ValType As InTypes, ByVal Value As Variant) 'This routine allows you to get values from anywhere in the Registry

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Public Function DeleteValue(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String, ByVal key As String) As String

'This routine deletes a specified value from below a specified subkey.

'Be very careful using this function.

Public Function ReadRegistryGetAll(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String, Idx As Long) As Variant

'This routine allows you to get all the values from anywhere in the Registry under any given subkey, it currently only returns string and double word values.

Public Function DeleteSubkey(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String) As String

'This routine deletes a specified key (and all its subkeys and values if on Win95) from the registry.

Code Module Windows

Contains routines to retrieve the windows System directory and windows directory.



Filename: Window.bas



Function & Subroutines

Public Function GetWinPath() as string 'return the path to windows directory through GetWindowsDirectory API

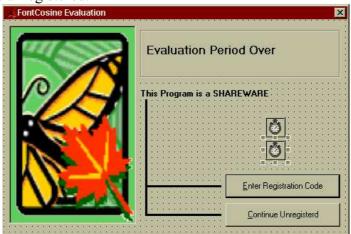
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Form Form1

Form Form1 (frm ev4.frm)

Reminds the user about the evaluation period and optionally allows him to register the product or continue it unregistered.





Filename: frm_ev4.frm



Member Controls

Frame Frame1

Label Label 1

CommandButton Command1

Timer Timer1

CommandButton Command2

PictureBox Picture1

Line Line1

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Label Label3

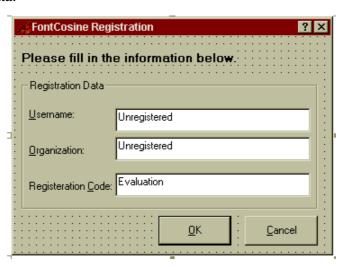


Function & Subroutines

Private Sub Timer2_Timer() 'handler for the timer object

Code Module Serials

Provides user with an interface to provide registration to the Eva class and also validates the entered data.





Events validate(name As String, com As String, code As String)

Data Members & Properties

Public fila As Long

Members Controls

Frame Frame1

TextBox Text1

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Label Label 1

Label Label 1

Label Label 1

CommandButton Command2

CommandButton Command1

Label Label 2

Function & Subroutines

Private Sub Command1_Click() 'handler for Cancel button Private Sub Command2_Click() 'handler for Ok button Private Sub filereset() 'Reset the authentication file Private Sub kl() 'Check the user information entered

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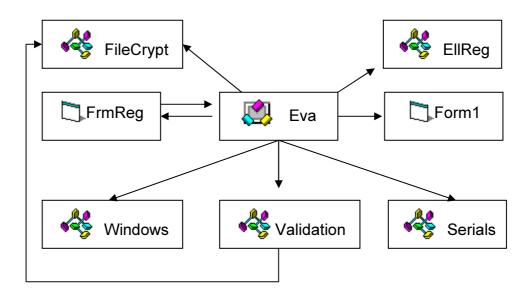
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The Charset control provides the user with a rectangular area.Containing character set from the ASCII character set. A scroll bar too is present to allow user to scroll through all the charters of the character set. The control container can control the font the control uses to draw the characters and also the foreground and background colors of each box in control. The control can also reshape itself to have specified number of rows and columns.





Filename: frmreg.frm



Events

Public Event MouseDown(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As Single)

'The mouse button has being pressed

Public Event Dblclick()

' the user has Double clicked the mouse

Public Event click()

' the user has clicked the mouse



Functions & Subroutines

Public Sub refresh()

' Redraw all the boxes in the grid.

Private Sub resi()

'Resizes the grid creates/unloads objects

Private Sub relo()

'locate all labels to appropriate locations

Private Sub label 1 DblClick(Index As Integer)

'Event handler for label1 event

Private Sub Label 1 MouseDown(Index As Integer, Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As Single)

Event handler fo label1 event

Private Sub Label 1 Click(Index As Integer)

'Event handler fo label1 event

Private Sub Picture 1 Click(Index As Integer)

'Event handler for Picture1 event

Private Sub Picture 1 DblClick(Index As Integer)

'Event handler for Picture1 event

Private Sub Picture 1 KeyPress(Index As Integer, KeyAscii As Integer)

'Event handler for Picture1 event

Private Sub Picture 1 MouseDown(Index As Integer, Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As Single)

'Event handler for Picture1 event

Private Sub UserControl Initialize()

'Control Initilizer/Constructer

Private Sub populate(FR As Integer)

'populate all labels with captions

Private Sub UserControl KeyPress(KeyAscii As Integer)

'handle control keypress event

Private Sub UserControl resize()

'handle control resize event

Private Sub VScroll1 Change()

'handle scroll control change event

Private Sub VScroll1 Scroll()

'handle scroll control change event

Private Sub aloalo(who As Integer, siza As Long)



Class Object Properties

Public Property Let forecolor(new color As OLE COLOR)

Public Property Let backcolor(new color As OLE COLOR)

Public Property Let fontsize(New Font As Long)

Public Property Let fontname(New Font As String)

Public Property Let fontitalic(New Font As Boolean)

Public Property Let fontunderline(New Font As Boolean)

Public Property Let fontstrikethru(New Font As Boolean)

Public Property Let fontbold(New Font As Boolean)

Public Property Get forecolor() As OLE COLOR

Public Property Get backcolor() As OLE_COLOR

Public Property Get fontsize() As Long

Public Property Get fontname() As String

Public Property Get fontitalic() As Boolean

Public Property Get fontunderline() As Boolean

Public Property Get fontstrikethru() As Boolean

Public Property Get fontbold() As Boolean

Public Property Get text() As String

Public Property Let text(new text As String)

Public Property Get Font() As Font

Control Color pallete



The Color pallete control provides the user with a grid of colors in which he can choose a color either by clicking or by right clicking. Clicking changes the foreground color and right click changes the background color. Color elements can be changed by double clicking on an color element and than choosing an appropriate color for the element via a Color Dialog Box. The control has properties like Rows, Columns to get/change the dimensions of the color grid.





Filename :color pallete.ctl



Events

Public Event click(what As String)

'click event with what thing has changed as 'what' parameter



Functions & Subroutines

Private Sub label 1 DblClick(Index As Integer)

'Event Handler for label1

Private Sub Label 1 MouseDown(Index As Integer, Button As Integer, Shift Private Sub

lbl fore Click(Index As Integer) 'Event Handler for label1

Private Sub get colours() 'load colors from system registry

Private Sub UserControl Initialize() 'Control Initilizer/Constructer

Sub lo()

'load controls required into memory

Private Sub UserControl resize()

'Control resize event handler

Private Sub aling()

'relocate the color elements

Public Sub dimentions(n rows As Long, n cols As Long)

'set dimentions of the grid

Private Sub UserControl Terminate()

'handle control instance termination



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Public Property Let forecolor(new color As OLE COLOR)

Public Property Get forecolor() As OLE COLOR

Public Property Let backcolor(new color As OLE COLOR)

Public Property Get backcolor() As OLE COLOR

Public Property Let Rows(new rows As Long)

Public Property Let columns(new col As Long)

Public Property Get Rows() As Long

Public Property Get columns() As Long

Public Property Let enabled(new val As Boolean)

Public Property Get enabled() As Boolean



Class MyApp is the application class, which does all the initializations necessary to start the application. It first creates an object of Eva class and checks whether the user has a valid legal copy of the application and if the Eva class generates an Validate Event than the class initializes the main window and other controls.



Filename: myapp.cls



Functions & Subroutines

Private Sub Class Initialize()

'intialize the class and creates an Eva Object

Private Sub ev validate(name As String, company As String, serial As String)

'the user is valid continue loading the main window

Private Sub ev DD()

'the user in invalid destroy all the objects and windows.



Code Module Startup

Module Startup is startup module of the project. It contains the Sub Main procedure that initializes an MyApp Object. Other sub-routines include one to open a web browser window to a specific URL.



Filename : Startup.bas



Functions & Subroutines

Function ShellToBrowser(Frm As Form, ByVal URL\$, ByVal WindowStyle%) 'Open a Web Browser window to the specified url

Sub Main()

'the startup module of the application creates and MyApp Class Object.

🕓 Code Module Ellreg

Manages the interface to the system registry. It contains routines to retrive, store, delete information from the registry.



🤲 **Filename** : reg2.bas



Data Members

'Security Mask constants

Public Const READ CONTROL = &H20000

Public Const SYNCHRONIZE = &H100000

Public Const STANDARD RIGHTS ALL = &H1F0000

Public Const STANDARD RIGHTS READ = READ CONTROL

Public Const STANDARD RIGHTS WRITE = READ CONTROL

Public Const KEY QUERY VALUE = &H1

Public Const KEY SET_VALUE = &H2

Public Const KEY CREATE SUB KEY = &H4

Public Const KEY ENUMERATE SUB KEYS = &H8

Public Const KEY NOTIFY = &H10

Public Const KEY CREATE LINK = &H20

Public Const KEY ALL ACCESS = ((STANDARD_RIGHTS_ALL Or

KEY QUERY VALUE Or

KEY SET VALUE Or KEY CREATE SUB KEY Or

KEY ENUMERATE SUB KEYS Or KEY NOTIFY Or

KEY CREATE LINK) And (Not SYNCHRONIZE))

Public Const KEY READ = ((STANDARD RIGHTS READ Or

KEY QUERY VALUE Or

KEY ENUMERATE SUB KEYS Or KEY NOTIFY) And (Not SYNCHRONIZE))

Public Const KEY EXECUTE = ((KEY READ) And (Not SYNCHRONIZE))

Public Const KEY WRITE = ((STANDARD RIGHTS WRITE Or KEY SET VALUE

Or KEY CREATE SUB KEY) And (Not SYNCHRONIZE))

'Possible registry data types

Public Enum InTypes

ValNull = 0: ValString = 1: ValXString = 2: ValBinary = 3: ValDWord = 4

ValLink = 6: ValMultiString = 7: ValResList = 8

End Enum

'Registry value type definitions

Public Const REG NONE As Long = 0

Public Const REG SZ As Long = 1

Public Const REG EXPAND SZ As Long = 2

Public Const REG BINARY As Long = 3

Public Const REG DWORD As Long = 4

Public Const REG LINK As Long = 6

Public Const REG MULTI SZ As Long = 7

Public Const REG RESOURCE LIST As Long = 8

' Registry section definitions

Public Const HKEY CLASSES ROOT = &H80000000

Public Const HKEY CURRENT USER = &H80000001

Public Const HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE = &H80000002

Public Const HKEY USERS = &H80000003

Public Const HKEY PERFORMANCE DATA = &H80000004

Public Const HKEY CURRENT CONFIG = &H80000005

Public Const HKEY DYN DATA = &H80000006

'Codes returned by Reg API calls

Private Const ERROR NONE = 0

Private Const ERROR BADDB = 1

Private Const ERROR BADKEY = 2

Private Const ERROR CANTOPEN = 3

Private Const ERROR CANTREAD = 4

Private Const ERROR CANTWRITE = 5

Private Const ERROR OUTOFMEMORY = 6

Private Const ERROR INVALID PARAMETER = 7

Private Const ERROR ACCESS DENIED = 8

Private Const ERROR INVALID PARAMETERS = 87

Private Const ERROR NO MORE ITEMS = 259



Function & Subroutines

Public Sub WriteRegistry(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String, ByVal key As String, ByVal ValType As InTypes, ByVal Value As Variant)

'This routine allows you to get values from anywhere in the Registry

Public Sub WriteRegistry(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String, ByVal key As String, ByVal ValType As InTypes, ByVal Value As Variant)

'This routine allows you to write values into the entire Registry, it currently only handles string and double word values.

Public Function DeleteValue(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String, ByVal key As String) As String

'This routine deletes a specified value from below a specified subkey.

'Be very careful using this function.

Public Function ReadRegistryGetAll(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String, Idx As Long) As Variant

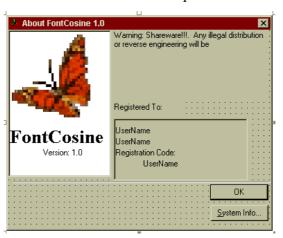
'This routine allows you to get all the values from anywhere in the Registry under any given subkey, it currently only returns string and double word values.

Public Function DeleteSubkey(ByVal Group As Long, ByVal Section As String) As String

'This routine deletes a specified key (and all its subkeys and values if on Win95) from the registry.

Form frmAbout

Form frmAbout displays the about dialog box of the application. It displays the 'END-USER LICENSE AGREEMENT' and the user name to which the application is registered. It can also display system information about the user computer.





Filename: frmAbout.ctl



Functions & Subroutines

Private Sub cmdSysInfo_Click()

'Handler to the Sysinfo button event

Private Sub cmdOK Click()

'Handler to the OK button event

Private Sub Form Load()

'Loads the form and retrives userinfo and registration data

Public Sub StartSysInfo()

'Start Sysinfo32.exe tool

Form FrmSplash

Form frmSplash is the Splash Screen from the Application





Filename: frmSplash.frm



Member Controls

PictureBox picture1 Label lblPlatform Label lblVersion Label lblCompany Timer Timer1



Functions & Subroutines

Private Sub Form KeyPress(KeyAscii As Integer) Private Sub Form Load() Private Sub Timer1_Timer()

Form frmSerrings

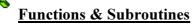
Form frmSettings is used to display a slider bar above the main window that provides control to the speed of FontShow feature.



Filename : frmSettings.frm



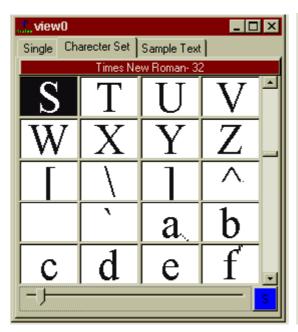
Slider Slider1

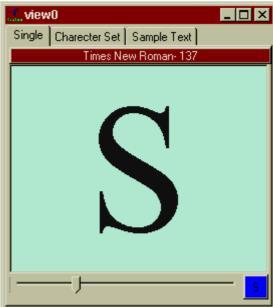


Private Sub Form_Load()
Private Sub Slider1_LostFocus()
Private Sub Slider1_Scroll()

Form frmShow

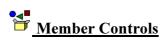
Form frmShow implements the view plane in FontCosine 1.0. Each view plane posses a single font, forecolor & backcolor. The main window can change these properties to reflect changes in the control of the view plane. Each view plane contains a







Filename : frmShow.frm



- Label Label 1
- CheckBox lock1
- PictureBox Picture1
- RichTextBox RichTextBox1
- Slider Slider1
- Tabstrip Tabstrip1
- TextBox Text1



Functions & Subroutines

Private Sub Charset1 MouseDown(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As Single)

Private Sub Form Activate()

Private Sub Form KeyDown(KeyCode As Integer, Shift As Integer)

Private Sub Form KeyPress(KeyAscii As Integer)

Private Sub Label 1 MouseDown(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As

Private Sub Label 1 MouseUp(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As Single)

Private Sub Charset1 DblClick()

Private Sub Check1 Click()

Private Sub Check1 GotFocus()

Private Sub Form GotFocus()

Private Sub Form Initialize()

Private Sub Form Load()

Private Sub Form Resize()

Private Sub lock1 Click()

Private Sub lock1 GotFocus()

Private Sub Picture1 GotFocus()

Private Sub Picture 1 MouseDown(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As Single)

Private Sub Slider1 Change()

Private Sub Slider1 GotFocus()

Private Sub Slider1 Scroll()

Private Sub TabStrip1 Click()

Private Sub TabStrip1 GotFocus()

Private Sub relocate(Optional i As Long = 0)

Public Sub refresh_() 'refresh the form and locked forms

Private Sub Form QueryUnload(Cancel As Integer, UnloadMode As Integer)

Private Sub Text1 MouseDown(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As Single)



Data Members & Properties

Private read only As Boolean Private con As New Collection Private texta As String,

cur_con As Integer

Public my id As String

Private my mdi As mdifrmmain

Private font_name As String, font_size As Integer

Private font_bold As Boolean, font_italics As Boolean

Private font_strikethru As Boolean, font_under As Boolean

Private my fore col As OLE COLOR, my back col As OLE COLOR

Dim moving As Boolean, xx As Long, yy As Long

Property Get utext() As String

Property Let readonly(new va As Boolean)

Property Get readonly() As Boolean

Property Get text() As String

Property Let text(new text As String)

Property Set mdi(md As mdifrmmain)

Property Get mdi() As mdifrmmain

Public Property Get locked() As Boolean

Public Sub refresh ()

Public Property Let fontsize (ByVal new size As Long)

Public Property Let fontbold (ByVal new val As Boolean)

Public Property Let fontitalic (ByVal new val As Boolean)

Public Property Let fontname (ByVal New Font As String)

Public Property Let fontunderline (ByVal new val As Boolean)

Public Property Let fontstrikethru (ByVal New Font As Boolean)

Public Property Get fontsize () As Long

Public Property Get fontbold () As Boolean

Public Property Get fontitalic_() As Boolean

Public Property Get fontname () As String

Public Property Get fontunderline () As Boolean

Public Property Get fontstrikethru () As Boolean

Public Property Let forecolor (ByVal new col As OLE COLOR)

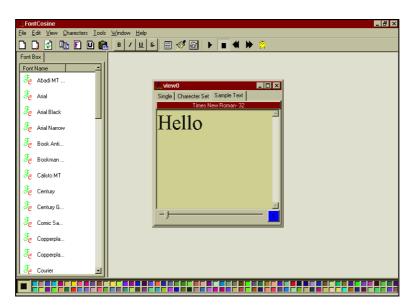
Public Property Let backcolor (ByVal new col As OLE COLOR)

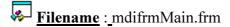
Public Property Get forecolor () As OLE COLOR

Public Property Get backcolor () As OLE COLOR

Form mdifrmMain

Form mdifrmMain is the application main windows. It spawns all the other form and manages their interaction with each other.





Member Controls

Menu mnu fs ,mnuedit, mnuh(0)..muh(7) Mnuhelp,mnutool pre(0),mnutools Mnuview,mnuwindow,mychars(0) prelaunch(0).. prelaunch(3),reset view sysms(0..10), t lpad, tw1,tw2,tw3 v box(0..2),v refresh,v w1, v w2 w (0..3), wwtf ,c (0..5), ch , e (1,2,4,5,6) $f_{0...2}, f_{exit}, f_{p}(0...7), f_{vaot, font_pop}$ LaunchPad(0) PictureBox picture1,picture2 TabStrip TabStrip1 Timer timer1, timer2, timer3 Toolbar t1 checkbox chk style(0..3) Color pallete Color pallete Image image1 ImageList imagelist1,imagelist2 ListView ListView1(0)



Functions & Subroutines

Sub reset(Frm As frmshow)

Sub refresh view settings()

Public Function get my id() As String

Private Sub refresh fonts()

Private Sub c Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub Chk style Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub Color pallete1 click(what As String)

Private Sub f Click(Index As Integer)

Function create new view() As frmshow

Private Sub do check(Index As Integer)

Private Sub f exit Click()

Private Sub f vaot Click()

Private Sub Image1 Mousemove(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As

Single, Y As Single)

Private Sub Image1 Mousedown(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As

Single, Y As Single)

Private Sub Image1 MouseUp(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single,

Y As Single)

Private Sub Launchpad Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub ListView1 DblClick(Index As Integer)

Private Sub ListView1 ItemClick(Index As Integer, ByVal Item As

MSComctlLib.ListItem)

Public Sub refresh settings()

Private Sub MDIForm Initialize()

Private Sub MDIForm Resize()

Private Sub mnu fs Click()

Private Sub mnuh Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub mnutool pre Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub mychars Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub reset view Click()

Private Sub syms Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub TabStrip1 GotFocus()

Private Sub Timer1 Timer()

Private Sub Timer()

Private Sub v box Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub v refresh Click()

Private Sub v aot Click()

Private Sub e Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub Toolbar1_ButtonClick(ByVal Button As MSComctlLib.Button)

Private Sub w Click(Index As Integer)

Private Sub MDIForm QueryUnload(Cancel As Integer, UnloadMode As Integer)

Private Sub MDIForm Unload(Cancel As Integer)

Private Sub Timer2 Timer()



Data Members

Const conHwndTopmost = -1

Const conHwndNoTopmost = -2

Const conSwpNoActivate = &H10

Const conSwpShowWindow = &H40

Public do_cloning As Boolean, do_copy As Boolean

Dim default_fore_color As OLE_COLOR, default_back_color As OLE_COLOR

Dim default_font_name As String, default_font_size As Long, default_char As String

Dim default font strike As Boolean, default font under As Boolean

Dim default_font_style As Long

Dim mbmoving As Boolean

Public clu As frmshow

Public class_col As New Collection, locked_clu As New Collection

THE PRODUCT/ ROLLOUT

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[todo] Introduction

The engineering process described in the previous sections described how FontCosine 1.0 was built, however it does not describe ways that were used to launch FontCosine as a commercial product. As the sole purpose of any business group is to make profit by selling its products.

Here at intellective we were very much concerned about the commercial success of our product as well as about the state of our group which was still budding and could not in any way bear a financial burden of any form. In other words we were not in a position of taking risks as the stakes were high. Thus in order to minimize investments as well as not compromising the needs of quality management and the expectations of customers.

In order to keep operating costs low we decided to launch our product as Shareware. Shareware is a licensing scheme, which is specifically suited to the small development groups like ours. This scheme is almost exclusively used by the software industry. No other industry can implement Shareware licensing scheme without suffering a huge loss. And for the icing on the cake, Shareware doubles up as a Distribution method. A whole subsection is dedicated to why the Shareware Method of product licensing was used , names as 'Licensing'.

The first and foremost problem in launching a commercial product is to create a distribution channel through which users can obtain the product. Since our product is a Shareware we need to create two channels for the distribution of our product. One from where users can download our product and other from where the users can purchase a valid end user license in the form of an Registration Code. Since our pockets were not much deep we had to search and weight various options to do our business over the Internet. The chapter 'Distribution Channels' provides insight on how we were able to achieve our goal of product distribution that is transparent to both the users as well as us.

The success of a product also depends on how the product is marketed. How we can make the users aware of our product and its features. Also in order to attract them to the possible prospect of purchasing our product we had to make use of some perks. However as with almost all things in this world the problem was money. We were not in any way in a position to hire a super model to advertise our product on the 'prime slot' of major daily soaps. Neither we could advertise on the Internet to

One of the major challenges to be faced by us was of Software Piracy. Although 'Project Eva' has made our product much secure but still it cannot guard against the arrogant users who give away there Registration Codes to their friends, who in turn distribute them freely to their friends. Thus, in this way a single Registration Code lands up with many users instead of just one. All that amounts to a huge loss in revenue to the pity developer who had spent countless sleepless nights to build such a marvelous product.

Although nothing in this world is completely secure but still we can make things bit tougher for the users to freely distribute the Registration Code. **Mr. Vikas Chauhan** our Management Director had *A Eureka* moment when he found a way users can be discouraged to freely distribute their registration key. His idea is so marvelous that we expect the

shareware computer industry to soon follow the very same method to curb piracy. The chapter 'Fighting Software piracy' is dedicated to an idea by the genius.

According to the Classing Software Development Life Cycle Model one the most important phase that all software projects should incorporate is that of maintenance. Software does not wear out like cars or scooters who need periodic maintenance to account for this wear and tear. But software can crash or malfunction when being worked upon. Reasons for such unforeseen problems can be due to the end user or bugs present in the software itself.

Since FontCosine 1.0 has not gone through rigorous testing and checking we were sure that we might have left some bugs in the source code that will only reveal themselves to our customers. Thus we decided to provide technical support to our customers in form of a web site and email support system. The chapter 'Technical support to end user' describes the technical support options that were provided with FontCosine 1.0.

Licensing

FontCosine is distributed as Shareware License. In Shareware License scheme the users are provided with a one time Evaluation License free of cost with each copy of the product. This Evaluation License is valid only for some number of days after which the License expires and the product ceases to function by locking itself. After the Evaluation Period is over the user either has to purchase the permanent License to continue using the product or has to remove the product from his computer.

Copyrighted software available for downloading on a free, limited trial basis; if you decide to use the software, you're expected to register and pay a small fee. By doing this, you become eligible for assistance and updates from the author. Contrast to public domain software which is not copyrighted or to freeware which is copyrighted but requires no usage fee.

Shareware scheme what in lay man's language is known as "Try Before You Buy" provides the users a chance to try software before buying it. If you try a shareware program and continue using it, you are expected to register (purchase) the program. With registration, you get anything from the simple right to continue using the software to an updated program with printed manual.

In fact, this try-before-you-buy software has been discovered by traditional "shelfware" companies, and now, nearly every large software company provides some type of free trial version of their software. Some of those trial versions are shareware, and some aren't. It's more than a free trial; it's a free trial that you can share with your friends.

Shareware licensing provides an easy alternative to selling the products online. The client evaluated the product and if wants to continue using it pays a registration fees to the author via a web site or other means. In return the author provides the user now a customer with a Registration Code that will unlock the software usually via an email.

FontCosine 1.0 can be evaluated for 30 days after which the users need to get registered with Intellective Solutions by paying a us fee. Upon registration, users will receive a shareware unlock-key and customer code, which will be used to provide Technical Support and Upgrade.

Advantages of Shareware

We at Intellective believe strongly in shareware. It's as good for us as it is for our customers. Shareware is great because:

- We waste no money on packaging, shipping, inventory, middlemen, or shelf space.
- We waste no time on those things either; all our time is spent making our software great.
- We have no unhappy customers. Everyone who purchases our products already thinks they're great -- if they didn't, they wouldn't become our customers!
- Customers get low prices and deals coupled with prompt assess to technical support and other resources.



Distribution & Marketing

"A product is delivered when it reaches the hands of the customers"

-The Economic Times

"Marketing is the process of planning and executing the conception, pricing, promotion and distribution of ideas, goods, and services to create exchanges that satisfy individual and organizational objectives.

-American Marketing Association

Above quotes from well-known authors signifies the importance of a good product distribution channel as well as good marketing strategy which play a key role in commercial success of any product. These aspects are most important factors that unfortunately shape the customer's mindset into buying the product. All the resources invested in making a good product are wasted when the customers either does not or cannot buy the product. Thus in order to produce a successful commercial product one needs to have a sound distribution channel supplemented with good product marketing with the goal of attracting the customers into buying the product.

Product Distribution

Traditionally businesses have solely depended on a network of distributors and wholesalers for the distribution of their products. However this method was not feasible for distribution of FontCosine for following reasons:

- 1. This method of product distribution involves creating a network of dealers, distributors and wholesalers, which needs huge sums of money as well as time. Since we wanted the distribution process to be transparent to both our customers as well as ourselves we had to decide against this method.
- 2. Moreover this method of distribution involves a huge operating cost. With very little cash in hand this method of product distribution was out of the question.

In search of a more practical method of distribution for FontCosine. We turned our head to the Internet which traditionally has being a the channel of choice to distribute software products. However today the Internet is has become modern frontier of commerce. Businesses are moving to Internet based product distribution to minimize costs and to increase customer satisfaction as Internet provides a very fast as well as secure way to do electronic transaction.

Owing to the coverage of Internet no other distribution channel can even come closer to it in providing a truly global channel for product distribution. Starting a business on the Internet is easy all it takes is a web site dedicated to the specific products. Users can access this web site over the internet and will eventually know about your products and can download/order them.

This scheme of product distribution was perfect for us as it only required one time labor of building a web site from where the users can download the product. Also web space and Domain Name Registrations were beginning to get cheap those days. And as a god gift **Mr. Vikas Chauhan**, our team member already had a personal web space and also had a Domain Named as "Hamaramp.com" registered. Thus all that was needed was to quickly develop a web

site and upload it to the web with the final product. Thus without spending even a single penny we were distributing FontCosine 1.0 on the net.

The very same site than became the home page of intellective solutions. It provides all the information the user needs right from product documentation to technical support in case of problems.

Product Marketing

In plain and simple terms, marketing activities and strategies result in making products available that satisfy customers while making profits for the companies that offer those products. Marketing produces a "win-win" because:

- Customers have a product that meets their needs, and
- Healthy profits are achieved for the company. (These profits allow the company to continue to do business in order to meet the needs of future customers.)

Stated another way: A focus on what the customer wants is essential to successful marketing efforts. This customer-orientation must also be balanced with the company's objective of maintaining a profitable volume of sales in order for the company to continue to do business. Marketing is a creative, ever-changing orchestration of all the activities needed to accomplish both of these objectives.

We had realized this point right from the beginning that all the successful products are also well marketed. Thus marketing of FontCosine was of primary concern to us. Since we were incapable of any large investments into advertising we decided to made use of search engines and download sites avaibale on the internet as the tools to market FontCosine. Also computer magazines that are published were sought after for inclusion of our product in their monthly CD ROMs. Below is a list of various download sites with which the FontCosine was registered.



Download.com

Download.com is one of the most popular download sites on the net. It has a huge collection of software that is neatly categorized into groups for easy access.

HotDownloads.com

A fast growing download site which is a subsidery of Regsoft our ecommerce service provider. All product registered with Regsoft are autometically listed on this site.





ZDNet.com

Another popular destination for downloading the latest in software technology. Zdnet.com is also a complete tech news portal, providing information about the latest trend in the computer industry.

Google.com

The most popular search engine on the web. Provide an easy way for displaying products to the web users. If the product page gets high ranks in the search list than there is a very good chance that the page will be view by the user.





[todo] Payment Processing

How to Buy FontCosine

For your convenience, we offer several payment options: -

1.Cheques/Demand Drafts/Money Orders: By mail, PAYING WITH DEMAND DRAFTS OR

MONEY ORDER. Please print the order form and mail it with drafts or checks payable to "Intellective Solutions"

Mailing Address

Intellective Solutions,

Genesis Convent School,

45 Shiv Shakti Nagar,

Kanadia Road,

Indore (M.P.

INDIA

PIN CODE: 452016

2. Online via the Internet - If you have access to the Internet, you can place an order online by logging on to "RegSoft.Com" site. They have a secure payment facility at this site sending in your credit card information complete with your full name, profession, Company's name and its postal address. Once we receive your order, you will be emailed back a Registration Key and customer number.

Secure Order URL

http://www.regsoft.net/purchase.php3?productid=39181

Non-Secure Order URL

http://www.regsoft.net/purchase_nonsecure.php3?productid=39181

3. RegSoft.com Orderline - (Orders Only) Available 9am - 5pm:

U.S. and Canada: 1-877-REGSOFT (1-877-734-7638)

International: 1-770-319-2718

4. RegSoft.com Fax Line Available 24 hours: 1-770-497-9234

Once we receive your order from RegSoft/Mail you will be delivered your Registration key & Your Customer Number via email. Please allow period of 1 to 3 hours for the delivery. In case you don't get your code within this period, you can contact us at our Home Page.

In today's Internet Economy, accepting credit cards over the internet isn't an option, it is a necessity. It should be the vendor's goal to make it as easy and simple as possible for consumers to purchase a vendor's products. A vendor must choose whether to attempt processing transactions in-house, or whether to utilize a full service e-commerce provider such as RegSoft.com who can provide inclusive services such as toll-free ordering lines, billing support, multiple international credit card accounts, real-time vendor reporting and tracking, etc. The true costs of not having some of these features can often be the difference between success and failure. Below is a more comprehensive list of some additional services an e-commerce solutions provider offers to help vendors save time, increase revenues and keep costs down.

Allows Easy Point of Purchase for Customers

Vendor Payment Processing Services can provide software customers with the ability to electronically purchase, upgrade, register and download software. RegSoft.com can also help market and promote your product through its website.

Provides Tractability

Vendor Payment Processing Services can provide reliable, flexible, customizable systems that can allow vendors to better track and measure performance in today's competitive business environment, while customers experience smooth, specific and easy-to-follow purchasing procedures.

Provides Organized, Monthly Statements

Monthly statements include product name, customer information, tracking numbers, order date and sale price.

Provides Fraud Screening

Vendors who do not fully understand internet security and fail to properly secure their customers transactions receive a large percentage of chargebacks. Not only do the vendors lose the money from the sale, but many merchants apply "chargeback fees" ranging from \$25-\$75 on a lost sale. However, a benefit of RegSoft.com Vendor Payment Processing Services is that RegSoft.com absorbs all chargeback costs on behalf of its vendor customers.

Provides Transaction Expertise and Convenience

One of the greatest obstacles of success for many small businesses is that they lack the appropriate resources needed to properly orchestrate a full-time ordering operation. Setting up a secure Internet store, having a staff of operators ready to accept phone orders, and maintaining a dedicated fax line, etc. can often be costly and inefficient for one business alone. RegSoft Vendor Payment Processing Services can help solve this by correctly and effectively maximizing the purchasing opportunities of the vendor by handling the purchase and registration steps, and effectively resell the vendors' product.

Provides Avoidance of Dealing with Credit Card and Check Processing Issues

Vendors are able to avoid dealing with the many difficult credit card and check processing issues such as fraud, denied transactions and refunds. Vendors can also reduce the number of checks cashed to as few as one per month. The time and effort it takes to process checks may occasionally exceed the value of checks, especially with foreign check transactions.

Eliminates Currency Conversion and TimeZone Issues

In our global economy, customers come from all over the world. Vendors and customers from outside the U.S. can benefit from professional Vendor Payment Processing Services that accept international credit cards and offer international currency conversion 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service eliminates all the legal currency conversion issues for the vendor such as how a customer in France would pay an author or vendor in the United Kingdom. Thus, the vendor/author gains more time to focus on their core competencies.

Provides Vendors With More Time to Focus on Core Competencies Vendors and authors are able to avoid the problems involved with the registration of user software, thus providing extra time to focus on core competencies, the development of future software products.

Provides Customers with Increased Ability to Obtain Products over the Internet

Consumers can enjoy the security, convenience and speed of using credit cards to instantly download the software or electronic product of their choice. This equates to increased downloads, and thus, **additional revenues** for authors and vendors.

[todo] Fighting Software Piracy

Software Piracy is the unauthorized duplication, distribution or use of computer software for example, making more copies of software than the license allows, or installing software licensed for one computer onto multiple computers or a server.

Copying software is an act of copyright infringement, and is subject to civil and criminal penalties. It's illegal whether you use pirated software yourself, give it away, or sell it. And aiding piracy by providing unauthorized access to software or to serial numbers used to register software can also be illegal.

In the larger picture, copying cheats the publisher and everyone who uses the software. It makes software more costly and denies the publisher the sales it needs (and earned) to improve software and finance new projects. In 1997, software piracy cost New York State more than \$860 million in lost wages, tax revenue and retail sales, according to a Microsoft study.

Software piracy is a serious threat to all the organization who are into the business of software. Various methods have being proposed to curb piracy from time to time but all the no such method is completely effective in preventing piracy. Now the general attitude is that it is impossible to curb piracy. The failure of Microsoft Windows XP piracy protection scheme is an shining example of how all the efforts against this crime have proved to be futile. The only possible way to reduce piracy is to

[todo] Product Pricing & Upgrade Policy

Prices

FontCosine is priced taking into consideration our target customers. Also all the sharewares need to be priced low as they do not come with printed manual and the product CD. If the price is low customers will show more willingness in making their Evaluation License into a Permanent License. Product Princing for FontCosine is as given below.

FontCosine Single Copy: \$15 each

10 to 24 computers: \$12 each 25 to 49 computers: \$10 each Prices guaranteed through July 2001.

Our Upgrade Policy

Intellective Solutions provides minor revisions (1.0a to 1.0b) free of charge to registered users through our Web site or Emails. As we release maintenance versions, customers will be notified via email. Users can than download the new software and disable the "unregistered shareware" notices with your registration key.

Major Revision 2.0 will be provided free to the registered users of Version 1.0 and no upgrade fee will be charged. A new Registration Code will be provided via Email/Postal-Mail, which will disable all shareware notices.

To get the upgrade Users need to be registered with Intellective Solutions. They will need to provide their Registration Code and Customer Name. Only after verifying the information, users will be sent their new Customer ID and Registration Code. Users will be sent their Customer ID and Registration Code only once via Email/Postal Mail. In order to combat piracy, once the mail sent; you will not be sent this information again under any circumstances. Any requests containing the same Customer and Registration information will Not Be Entertained. So please keep your Customer and Registration Secret. Intellective Solutions will Not Be Responsible for the any loses during the delivery of the new Customer ID and the Registration Code.

[todo] Technical Support To End Users

Special Product Support options are available to our Registered Users. You can reach us via email/Our Homepage/Telephone. Please include your Registration Code and name of the person whom the product is licensed to; with the query .You can avail these options through:

- 1. Email Support: Please mail to intellective@sify.com with "FontCosine Technical Support" in the subject line without quotes.
- 2. Web Support: You can visit our homepage at www.hamaramp.com and can submit your query there.
- 3. Telephone Support: You can also contact 91-731-562093 to submit your request.

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Future Enhancements: FontCosine 2.0

A lot has changed in the arena of computer typography since the release of FontCosine 1.0. When FontCosine 1.0 was developed the typography world considered true type as next generation font standard and Adobe's Type fonts were the industry standard for print work.

But now Adobe and Microsoft have jointly created the open type font standard which finally bridges the valley between computer rendering and print rendering. It has made possible WYSWYP (What You See is What You Print) tool for the commercial printing industry. Open Type fonts are supported in Windows 2000/XP.

Also Microsoft has developed the Clear Type Font rendering standard. This system produces breath taking readability even on small resolutions screen like that of PDA's and Mobile phones. Clear-Type is currently supported only on Windows XP.

These industry innovations have made it necessary to provide support for then in FontCosine. FontCosine 2.0, which is in the pipeline and is scheduled, to be released in mid-2004 will debut as the next generation tool that will reincarnate itself as a complete Font Management Tool. It will support all the new technologies plus a whole lot of new and nifty feature. Below are some of the main highlights of FontCosine 2.0:

- * Tools to search for a symbol by free hand drawing sample.
- * Complete set of tools to Create and Manage Custom fonts.
- Brand new interface to make working with it even simpler and faster.
- * Tools to compress fonts on to the local drive and to install/ uninstall them selectively
- Features to provide font preview directly on the client site.
- * Tools to provide font embedding support to the web developers.

* Will be build in Visual C++ instead of Visual Basic for a high performance code which will make a very small memory footprint



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'A long journey to hell with a friends is more precious than a lone shot trip to Heaven' -Ancient Chinese Saying

'Books are the best friend a man can get and for girls there are diamonds'
-Me

Above quotes illustrates the importance of good books in lives of man and of Diamonds in lives of Woman!!!. In the long journey of creating FontCosine I too made some very good friends out of some books. Without their help FontCosine could not have come out of the drawing board to our desktops. I would certainly like to express my sense of gratitude to these authors who have produced some of the best text I have ever seen in my current life. Below is just a short summury of that long list:









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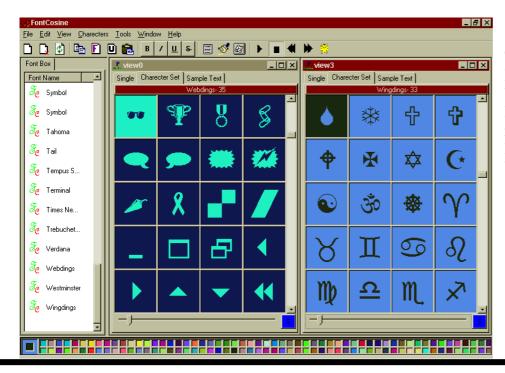
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[todo Icon of an Camera] Screen Shots



The Primary Interface of FontCosine 1.0 which is based on the Multiple Document Interface. The main window is an MDI-Form which hosts the View Plane Windows.

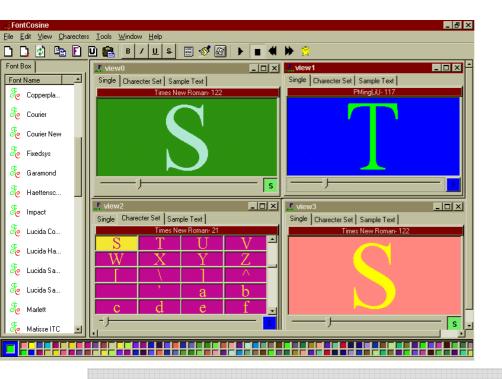
Each View Plane also has a character set viewer to view all the characters available in the font and text box to preview a custom text inside the view plane.

View Planes can be locked to each other to automatically synchronize other view when one of the locked changes. The 'S' Check Box on the bottom right locks the view plane to other planes.





Text copied from FontCosine lands inside any other document as it was seen in the view plane. Here the symbol is copied to the word document as it is.





[todo Icon of an Stats] Project Statistics

Project FontCosine	
Development Tool	Visual Basic
Total Time Taken	2 Months April 2001-June 2001
Total Developers	1
Involved	
Total Line of Code	5000(approx)
Produced	
Total Bytes of	20 M Pytos
Documentation Produced	20 M.Bytes

Project Eva	
Development Tool	Microsoft Visual Basic
Total Time Taken	2 Weeks June 2001- July 2001
Total Developers Involved	2
Total Line of Code Produced	1000(approx)
Total Bytes of Documentation Produced	0 M.Bytes

Hamaramp.com	
Development Tool	Microsoft FrontPage 98
Total Time Taken	1 Week July 2001
Total Developers Involved	4
Total Line of Code Produced	1000(approx)
Total Bytes of Documentation Produced	550 K.Bytes + 4.5 M.Bytes



[todo Icon of an bug] Known Issues

"To err is human, to find a buq, devine"-Robert Dunn

No software built is error free. Although every new software that come out are thoroughly tested for any possible issues (read Bugs), some errors either logical or design error pass through undetected. They are known of only when the product maintenance department and Technical support request an additional telephone line. We too received complains about bugs after the release. Below is a list of known Issues discovered after the release.

- * Application refuses to start on some Windows 95 Installations.
- The contents option from the help menu does not open the content pane of winhelp instead it directly goes to the very first help page.
- The URL's coded were out of date when the product was released.
- Changing system date sometimes causes evaluation period over reminder to be displayed again.
- Application crashes on windows 2000 when executed from the user privilege account.
- Some times the view planes are not properly resized.



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