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Thread: [\[Unique\] Earn's Custom Theme Generator \[Create Your Own Themes!\]](#)

**Earn** - September 5, 2014, 7:24 am

Hey everyone! I have been thinking of coding one of these for a while, but I just haven't had enough time, but I got around to it tonight.

The layout is similar to Hawk HF's Button Generator, as I thought that he done a great job with it.

This is not the end of this project. Matter of fact, this is just the very beginning. I have many more things to add to this tool, including gradients, rounded corners & other things which might be useful.

Screen Shots

Virus Scan

<https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/cae2893bf860b94a2a0539e1d0672fc899d03260d3e5dbd2f3871f529fa60064/analysis/1409926622/>

Download

[http://www.mediafire.com/download/bpyu8m6h76ny315/Theme\\_Generator.exe](http://www.mediafire.com/download/bpyu8m6h76ny315/Theme_Generator.exe)

Closing Paragraph

I would love to know what you all think, whether it be what I can improve on, what I can add to the program, or even if you like it or not.

Please make all criticism constructive & please do not argue.

I hope that everyone enjoys!

**Boxie** - September 5, 2014, 7:26 am

Awesome Share! Thanks man really useful! :D

**arun9020** - September 5, 2014, 7:27 am

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3178606>

my old dead thread :P

**Earn** - September 5, 2014, 7:28 am

(Sep 5, 2014 07:27 AM)arun9020 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3178606>

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That is just different forms & different buttons that you can put into one code. This lets you edit all the colors, sizes & fonts & shit. They are entirely different.

**Boxie** - September 5, 2014, 7:29 am

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The controls on your program was already premade....and in his program you can change size,color and etc...

**arun9020** - September 5, 2014, 7:33 am

Actually your work is really awesome Earn. I just suggested another idea if you have time. I discontinued the above project that's why I dig it back. I know your idea is entirely different from my version

**Hawk HF** - September 5, 2014, 7:46 am

I was actually going to go through with an entire theme generator.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4409470&pid=42044278#pid42044278>

But it is safe to say that I rarely ever finish my projects, so its probably better that you're coding this anyway.

Like I said, I do plan on continuing on mine, but based on past experiences, it will take me a while to complete.

Good luck and happy coding!

**taktaktak** - September 5, 2014, 7:50 am

Looks sweet can't wait to try it :D

**netfall** - September 5, 2014, 7:52 am

Very good worl. Nice

Awesome share

**Hire** - September 5, 2014, 7:56 am

That's so sick man, thanks alot for this. Let me make some amazing themes with this :)

Also, you should upload some featured themes haha

**TazzyOpz** - September 5, 2014, 9:42 am

Oh I like this :D Very nice... Can't wait to see the future of this project

**SIM-1456245** - September 5, 2014, 9:51 am

This looks very good, giving it a shot atm...

Yes, nice, it works very nice, it needs some more features tho. But please, play around with the anchors on the designer controls...

**zeroexp** - September 5, 2014, 10:04 am

It's extremely nice. Gj. I only have a question...

Why not "[UNIQUE]" ?

**SIM-1456245** - September 5, 2014, 10:24 am

(Sep 5, 2014 10:04 AM)Wops Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's extremely nice. Gj. I only have a question...

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Aahhahaha, was gonna say that. I had a good laugh when I read that.

**iKick** - September 5, 2014, 10:31 am

If I'm correct this is only for the Form right?

You're probably already working on this, but also maybe buttons, etc.. ?

Just a suggestion, awesome share man! Thanks ?

**SaketSaket** - September 5, 2014, 11:24 am

Wonderful work... Now anyone with no knowledge of GDI can build themes... ;)

**Source Coder** - September 5, 2014, 12:25 pm

This is really cool tool I just used it Now i can finally make themes Vouch!!! Also if you have updates update me :P

**jessman420** - September 5, 2014, 5:01 pm

This is a cool find thanks for posting

**Cornflower Blue ???-?** — - September 5, 2014, 5:09 pm

I was planning on making something like this a while ago, but support every control type and even custom types. Then I just got busy working on other things, I do plan on working on this again.

**nuk** - September 5, 2014, 5:13 pm

Been waitin' for someone to make this... in all honesty; I thought someone would have made this a while ago LoL - This is awesome btw... GREAT JOB! ;)

**Nextrum** - September 5, 2014, 5:22 pm

(Sep 5, 2014 05:13 PM)nuk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Been waitin' for someone to make this... in all honesty; I thought someone would have made this a while ago LoL - This is awesome btw... GREAT JOB! ;) Many of us have thought of making this, me included. However, never got round to starting it due to other applications :) It is a very good project to work on though :)

**DBots** - September 5, 2014, 9:53 pm

Nice. Another way to do this would be to use the PropertyGrid and expose those properties that you would allow the user to change, and hide the others. All while extending the form or control then adding your own properties.

The PropertyGrid relieves you from adding all those other controls to edit properties like in your case Labels, GroupBoxes, NumericUpDowns, TextBoxes, Buttons, etc.

May I add though that it may not be as user friendly but nonetheless an easier way to handle properties IMO.

**Earn** - September 6, 2014, 10:05 am

I am glad that everyone likes this. As I said, I plan to update this tool to include more controls & to include more properties.

**Protótype\_** - September 6, 2014, 10:33 am

Been looking for something like this, gj!

**Onin42** - September 6, 2014, 10:43 am

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I haven't read all the thread so..

But i think you should permit the user to:

Edit the code not just copy it as ou do not let the user put angles or texture ect.  
Have like a diferent type of "saves" save1 : this color, save2 : red theme. like that he can switch  
Choose from all controls, he could edit all at the same time or just one in particular. Be nice if the  
user could see them all at the same time by choice.  
Chosse if he want by themebase or without  
To put Transparent (display the control behind if needed.), Images (by location, size, opacity, order)  
, and ect.  
To Implement custom codes as a listview sorter in a listview, that way it will evolve all the controls  
that we use normaly. (Dunno if you understand my ideas, but well here it is.)

And to save all the bunch of control the user made as a theme.

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considered a problem. The themebase is amazing, and it makes theme making easy. If you want to  
use straight GDI, by all means, go ahead, but there's nothing wrong with using the themebase.

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Boost libraries, ANY library for ANY language. You need to accept the fact that some people make  
things so good, that it allows people with less experience to do new things they could never dream  
of doing, and there's absolutely nothing wrong with that at all.

These things make your life easier. If you want a challenge or want it done in a different way, you  
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(Sep 6, 2014 11:07 AM)Cornflower Blue Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I just never understood how hard it is to create a new class, and override the OnPaint method. What is soo special about the themebase? Now you're just changing the subject because you know I'm right, lol. I'm not going to derail this thread, so this'll be my last post.

**SaketSaket** - September 7, 2014, 1:33 pm

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You are right Themebase is amazing it saves time n code but this tool will save your time, code more... here you don't have to code anything... ;) just specify values & you are done... ;) so even if you don't know anything in GDI still you will have chance to create theme n that's not with Themebase ;) there you still have to write some code in gdi ;)

**Centuries** - September 7, 2014, 2:29 pm

This is really nice I will start using it. Good Job OP

The Color tool is a bit buggy for me but bearable

**mc-dope** - September 7, 2014, 2:39 pm

Awesome, thanks so much. very usefull

**Centuries** - September 7, 2014, 2:56 pm

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**Huskar** - September 7, 2014, 2:59 pm

These are all options located within themselves.

This is probably for a complete skid who doesn't know how to change the color of his program.  
or text  
font  
size of font  
lol

**Matt AH** - September 7, 2014, 3:00 pm

This is fucking awesome.

Great release my friend.

**ThereThatGuy** - September 7, 2014, 5:07 pm

Very interesting, Looking foreword to what will come of this project, Subscribed!

**Earn** - September 7, 2014, 10:53 pm

Okay guys, I have added in the function for rounded rectangles. I will be uploading it & updating the thread soon.

**SaketSaket** - September 8, 2014, 1:17 am

(Sep 7, 2014 02:56 PM)IronByte Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't mean to post twice this fast but, I think you should add transparency

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just do it this way... - PHP Code

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first parameter in above four values is for alpha blend.. A value of 0 indicates transparent while a value of 255 indicates opaque... ;)

**?APEX\_NOOB** - September 8, 2014, 11:56 am

wow looks really nice, Will be useful to a lot of members new to vb, Good job man

you should add basic buttons and some other controls

**Cornflower Blue ???-?—** - September 8, 2014, 12:01 pm

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Alpha blend and Alpha channel are two complete different things.

**Aur3xis** - September 8, 2014, 12:16 pm

A.W.E.S.O.M.E share bro! Great work. Ty for the sharing :D

**oRequiem** - September 8, 2014, 4:26 pm

Looks really impressive, good job Earn.

**Earn** - September 8, 2014, 11:31 pm

I am glad that everyone likes it. I will add other controls soon!

Also, please be sure to post some advise. I would love to make the program the best it can be, & the only way that I can do it is with your input.

**[Eprouvez]** - September 9, 2014, 12:34 am

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CodeDom and reflection to create a form runtime with the skin :)

Great work by the way!

**Xenotek** - September 9, 2014, 3:04 am

Dude, awesome work. Can't wait to make some themes with it.

**Earn** - September 14, 2014, 10:34 pm

I am glad that you guys like it. :)

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That is a good idea man. Also, I wanted to make it without the Themebase. I find it more professional that way.

**dR1234** - September 15, 2014, 8:05 am

Aswome ! Thank you man for create and post this.

**[ MVP ] MalRoto** - September 15, 2014, 8:08 am

Very nice share! I will def use this for projects.

**Earn** - October 1, 2014, 2:00 am

Hey guys! I will be adding the use of gradients soon.

**OBliViON** - October 1, 2014, 9:18 am

This is fucking awesome.

A few ideas

- Border Stroke
- Gradient Colors
- Text-Shadow for the Form Title

But maaan, this is sick!

**traczthefox** - October 2, 2014, 3:31 pm

Oh my god, Thank you I hate making themes with a burning passion.

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**Hawk HF** - October 2, 2014, 3:33 pm

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**Hawk HF** - October 2, 2014, 5:20 pm

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**Earn** - October 2, 2014, 6:12 pm

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I agree, GDI is very fun to get into & it is very easy once you get the hang of it.

I made an 18 minute long video on how to make a theme using GDI. I have been meaning to upload it, but I keep forgetting. :P

**traczthefox** - October 2, 2014, 6:52 pm

Im willing to learn new things. I'll look at it.

**SIM-1676753** - October 2, 2014, 7:43 pm

(Oct 2, 2014 05:20 PM)Hawk HF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You should get in to GDI, man.  
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Agreed. GDI is pretty interesting. I like making interactive controls that have a purpose or just make some shit that looks nice.

**Earn** - October 7, 2014, 9:21 pm

I am just ing this so that others that haven't seen it can take a look.

I plan on adding many more things to this such as gradients & even more controls.

**Zetonix** - October 10, 2014, 5:34 am

When I open it it gives an error saying that the software is not an valid Win32 file..

PM me to tell how to avoid the error...

Thanks,

**Rhez** - October 25, 2014, 2:54 am

Hello Sir Earn :D . How did you make the preview of a theme ( I mean the real-time change ) . Can You tell me how you do that ?

Thanks for the time in advance.

By the way, I am also planning to make a theme generator ( custom controls for vb.net ) like what you did and sir Hawk ( Custom Button Generator ) ^\_^

**Archives** - October 25, 2014, 3:10 am

Vouch for OP! This is seriously something great and helpful.

**chipp\_zanuff** - October 25, 2014, 4:24 am

holy shit!!!!!!

that's cool, bro!!!!!!

**Nidzgorus** - *October 25, 2014, 10:11 pm*

Very good worl. Nice  
Awesome share

**DionTerry** - *October 25, 2014, 10:21 pm*

Wow this is pretty great! Although it could use more features, which im sure you'll include in an update with buttons etc... but thanks!

**Nick (Name)** - *April 7, 2016, 11:51 pm*

Needs updating, try creating multiple control creation like buttons and groupboxes! Would love to see this come back to life!

**BoliBerrys** - *April 11, 2016, 6:22 am*

(Sep 5, 2014 07:24 AM)Earn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ~Thread~  
Great Stuff!

Is it possible to also add a C# option and not only VB? That would be awesome :P

**MalwareMop** - *April 11, 2016, 8:58 am*

(Apr 7, 2016 11:51 PM)Nick (Name) Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Needs updating, try creating multiple control creation like buttons and groupboxes! Would love to see this come back to life!  
This is two years old, thank you for bumping.

**Ryan68** - *April 16, 2016, 4:31 am*

Very good work. Nice ! Thanks man