

## About “My Diary”

### History

This desktop diary was first produced in 2003 as a free handout to help in the marketing of my services as a software developer in Microsoft Access.

More recently it has been improved and is now offered as a gift to readers of the blog “A Wayfarer’s Notes”, their friends, and their friends’ friends.

### Features

It functions as a perpetual calendar, appointments planner, to-do lists and journal. You can optionally classify your journal entries into any number of “projects”. So for example, in addition to general entries, you could record dreams, work-related notes, items related to a particular leisure interest. The “projects” are up to you.

You can personalise your diary by choosing its appearance – font characteristics and background colour.

### Registration

Please register your copy as soon as possible. You can do this by clicking on a button, which generates an email to me. I’ll acknowledge your registration, but rest assured your privacy will be respected in every way, and you will get no unsolicited emails as a result.

### Your feedback

I’m interested in your comments, positive or otherwise, and may be able to offer support if you need it, without being contractually bound in any way whatsoever.

You can contact me via the email address on my blog profile on <http://perpetual-lab.blogspot.com>, or from “My Diary” itself.

## **Installation**

### **A. Access**

“My Diary” uses Microsoft Access. If you have a version of Microsoft Office with Access2000, Access2003 or Access2007, skip the rest and go to B.

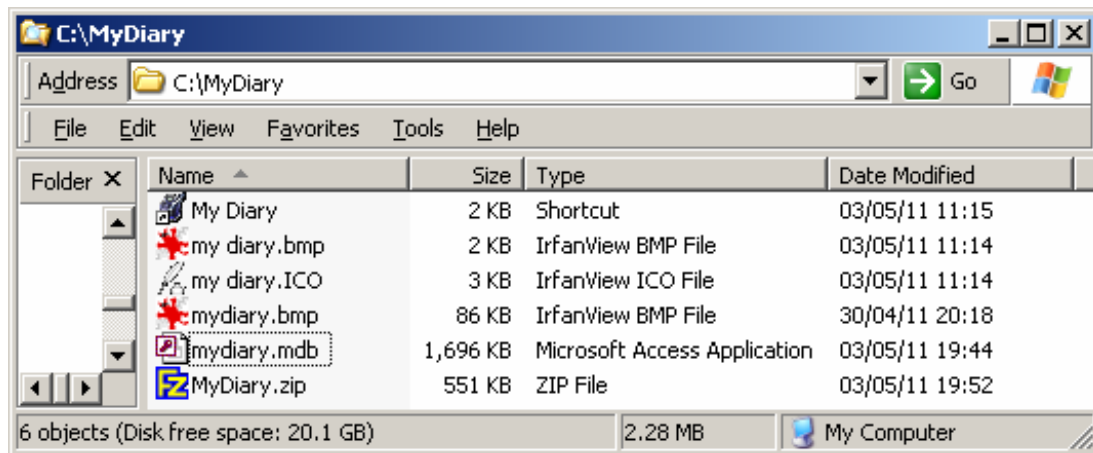
If you don't have Access, you can install Microsoft Access 2000 Runtime:

- 1) Click on <http://www.ian.mulder.clara.net/diary/art2kmin.exe> to download the installation file, and save it on your computer.
- 2) Open it to extract the files, and run setup.exe to install. Click "Install now".
- 3) A message appears: "Microsoft Access 2000 Runtime setup completed successfully".

### **B. Diary**

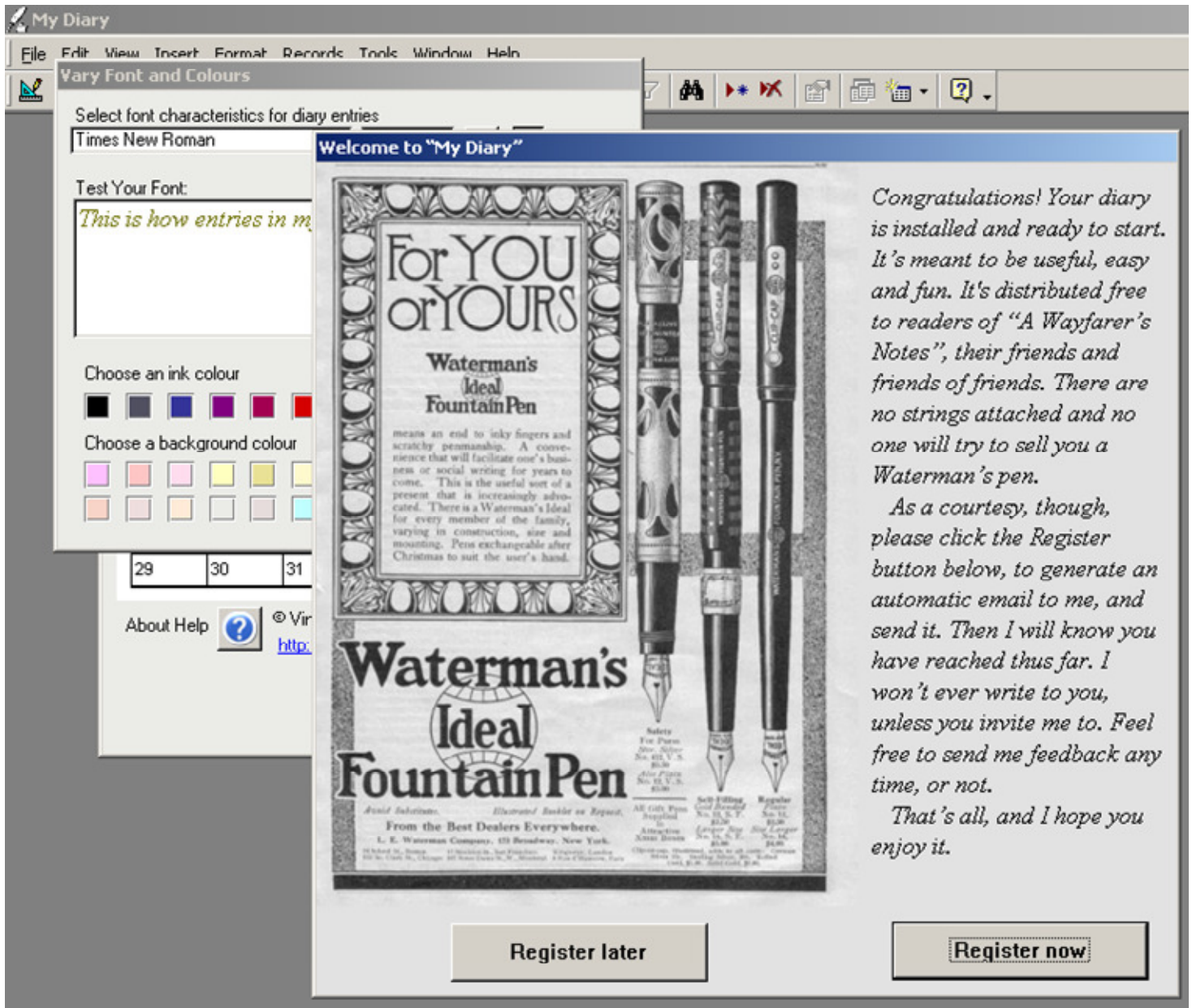
- 1) Click on <http://www.ian.mulder.clara.net/diary/MyDiary.exe> .
- 2) Click “Save file” button
- 3) Open the downloaded file “MyDiary.exe”
- 4) Click “Run”
- 5) Under “Extract to:” paste **c:\MyDiary** overwriting the current contents

6) Contents of c:\MyDiary look something like this (your icons may look different, and you may not see the suffixes):



7) Copy My Diary shortcut to your desktop

8) Click on My Diary shortcut to open "My Diary". This is what you see:



9) Click “Register now”. Diary will send me an email. Please ensure it is actually sent. Alternatively, you can click “Register later”, but you will see the Welcome window every time you use the diary, until you are sick of it

10) If you are unable to register, send me an email anyway, explaining the problem you seem to be having, and I’ll tell you how you can prevent the Welcome window popping up again

11) “My Diary” is now your own personal diary

Best wishes

Vincent Mulder, 4th May 2011